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Stafford High's first girls state championship team, after winning the NCCC title in the 1974-75 season. Back row, Denise Daggett from left, Pam Day, Gail Panciera, Jill LeMaire, Lisa Robinson. Front row Lori Lorenzet from left, Betty Schwanda, Dawn DaDalt, Mary Harraghey and Joy Stewart. **HANDOUT**

STAFFORD HIGH'S 'MAGNIFICENT SEVEN'

Title IX pioneers, their friendship has endured for 50 years

By Lori Riley | Hartford Courant

When Dawn DaDalt was a freshman at Stafford High School in 1972, she remembers practicing with the girls basketball team in the hallway while the boys played in the gym.

Title IX was signed into law that summer on June 23, 1972, and suddenly there were girls sports at Stafford High.

DaDalt and her teammates



played on Stafford's first softball team wearing jeans. When they finally got basketball uniforms, they had no numbers,

so the girls fashioned numbers out of electrical tape, which fell off in the wash. They had no softball field at the high school.

They didn't have what the boys had, but it didn't matter. DaDalt, now Dawn O'Neil, and her friends were athletic and they loved sports. They went on to win two state titles — in softball and basketball. In her

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Sununu criticizes diesel tax hike

NH governor stops in Waterbury to raise funds for Stefanowski

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

WATERBURY — Winning as a Republican in New England is not easy, but New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu came to Connecticut to raise spirits and money Wednesday for Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Stefanowski.

Sununu stopped in Waterbury, a critical city for Stefanowski in his quest to defeat incumbent Democrat Ned Lamont in a rematch of their 2018 contest.

But before he arrived in the Brass City, Sununu said, he learned that Connecticut's diesel tax will be increasing by 9 cents per gallon, to 49 cents, on July 1. Sununu said that stunned him because he lives in a state of 1.4 million residents with an annual budget of \$6.5 billion that requires no sales tax and no state income tax.

"I literally thought my staff was joking because I've never heard of anything like that," Sununu told reporters at a family-run chocolate factory in Waterbury.

"That would be the dumbest thing anyone could do," Sununu said. "But when I got



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Former Middletown school administrator files lawsuit

Former Middletown Associate Superintendent of Schools Enza Macri claims in a lawsuit that the Board of Education and city knew that they were subjecting her to "sexual harassment" and more by former Middletown Superintendent of Schools Michael T. Conner and did nothing to stop it.

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Rev. Bob Hooper said that the aim of the Memorial of the Lost is to raise awareness of all those who are affected by gun violence. The memorial is a tribute to those lost to gun violence in 2022 across Connecticut. It has been installed on the front lawn of St. James's Episcopal Church in West Hartford. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

T-shirt display brings a somber message

Church hosts 'Memorial of the Lost' to honor state's gun violence victims

By Alison Cross | Hartford Courant

A new itinerant memorial for Connecticut's victims of gun violence will make its way throughout the state's Episcopal churches this year to honor the dead and encourage the living to take action.

Forty-one white T-shirts make up the Memorial of the Lost, now on display on the front lawn of St. James's Episcopal Church at 1018 Farmington Ave. in West Hartford. Each shirt represents a person killed by gun violence in 2022 and includes the victim's name, age and date of death.

The memorial will remain at St. James's for the next two weeks before it moves on to another parish. At the start of each month, new T-shirts will be added for additional victims. St. James's rector, the Rev. Robert Hooper said that the memorial does not include gun deaths from suicide or accidents — but those killed by others in intentional acts of gun violence.

"The T-shirts in front of you look remarkably reminiscent

of tombstones," Hooper said. "There is an intentionality to the construction, and an intentionality to taking the time, and being in prayer, and being in that place of silence with these people, and remembering them and all the shirts that are missing ... Each one of those people is loved by somebody."

Hooper said that he hopes the memorial will raise awareness of the gun violence that

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Swinging in the rain

Rain couldn't keep golf fans away from the Travelers Championship celebrity pro-am at the TPC River Highlands in Cromwell. More coverage in **Sports**.

Police identify suspect in shooting of 2-year-old

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Police have identified a suspect in Tuesday's shooting of a 2-year-old child, Waterbury Police Chief Fernando Spagnolo said during a press conference on Wednesday.

Police identified Kharis Samuels, 20, of Waterbury as the suspect. According to Spagnolo, Samuels was showing off the gun at the home on Pinecrest Drive when it went off, hitting the 2-year-old child in a walker in the torso area. Four to five people were inside the Pinecrest Drive home at the time, according to police. Spagnolo said no altercation occurred to their knowledge.

Waterbury police said the family did not call 911 but instead brought the child to the emergency room at Waterbury Hospital. The child was later transported to Connecticut Children's Medical Center by Life Star helicopter. The child was listed in stable condition as of Wednesday morning and was recovering from surgery, Spagnolo said.

Samuels is a friend of the 21-year-old male sibling of the 2-year-old and was there to socialize, Spagnolo said. There were other minors present at the time, Spagnolo said. Three

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continues to plague the state and encourage people and politicians to fight for gun control and stand up to the gun lobby.

“This is just an absurd issue in this country that not enough people seem to want to fix or at least address properly,” Hooper said. “I believe that the church has a role in [our] culture of helping people lift up the good, but also shine a light on the bad.”

The Memorial of the Lost was created in early May at a weekend-long gun violence awareness event held by the Episcopal retreat center, Camp Washington, in Lake-side, Connecticut, called “Growing Hope.” The day after the event, 10 people died in the Buffalo supermarket shooting. Ten days after that, 19 students and two teachers were killed at the Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde, Texas.

Cameron Taylor, the summer camp and program director at Camp Washington, said that he hopes the memorial will lead to greater recognition for the victims of gun violence who die every day and don’t make national headlines.

“Every day, somebody dies from gun violence, and we don’t really think about it until something big happens and makes the news, and then it goes away after a couple of days and we start forgetting about it again,” Taylor said. “Something has to be done. We



Rev. Bob Hooper said that the aim of the Memorial of the Lost, is to raise awareness of all those who are affected by gun violence. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

need to get together as a community and figure out what are ways that we can prevent this.”

Twelve-year-old twins Lyla and Anya

Fisher were part of a group of six children who helped to make the T-shirts for the Memorial of the Lost. The girls recalled writing the names of victims as old as 90 and

as young as teenagers.

“It was very meaningful, but it was also depressing,” Anya said. “Even the older people, they should have been able to live a longer life, even if they could have died the next day just from old age. Everybody should have lived a longer life.”

Lyla described how at one point during the weekend at Camp Washington the group turned pieces of decommissioned and surrendered guns into garden tools and necklaces.

“They cut one of the guns in half and everybody cheered, and I felt that was like a really meaningful moment because that just shows how one more gun could not be used to hurt anyone,” Lyla said.

The girls said that they believe it is important for children to be a part of the gun violence conversation. They said that after making the memorial, they felt empowered to create change.

“It’s important to get us involved, so we can be well informed about what’s happening in our world,” Lyla said.

“The children of our generation are the future right now. So we need to know what’s going on so that we can help,” Anya added. “It’s sad knowing that so many people have died from this, but it’s also empowering and encouraging to know that I can do something about it.”

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down here, I realized it was the actual truth. Wow. The economy runs on diesel. To get product from point A to point B in trucks. To bring the product into here.”

Sununu added, “Our national economy runs on diesel. It’s the last thing you should be taxing. ... [Lamont] has the power to stand up and say, ‘OK. We’re pulling back on that one,’ but he’s not.”

In the hours before Sununu arrived, he was attacked in emailed statements by the Lamont campaign, the Connecticut Democratic Party, and the national Democratic Governors Association.

They focused partially on a bill signed into law last month by Sununu that was described by the DGA as an “extreme abortion ban” and criticized sharply by Planned Parenthood.

“Anti-choice extremists are piling onto Bob Stefanowski’s campaign because they know he’s on their side,” said Sam Newton, a spokesman for the national governors group. “Stefanowski can’t run from their records of banning abortion or hide his own out-of-touch views that make him too radical for Connecticut.”

Lamont’s campaign spokesman, Jake Lewis, said, “While Bob tries to paint

himself as a moderate, but his decision to align himself with anti-abortion extremists like Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts and pretend moderates like Governor Sununu, reveal that he is too extreme for Connecticut. ... Like Governor Sununu, Bob claims to be pro-choice, but his actions tell a different story.”

When told that the Democratic governors’ group described the ban as extreme, Sununu burst out laughing. The abortion laws in Connecticut and New Hampshire, he said, are similar.

“They’re virtually the same. It’s 24 weeks,” Sununu said. “I think 44 other states have some type of late-term ban. But I think ours, even in terms of weeks, is the same. So Democrats can complain about it, considering they’re in power here. It’s hypocrisy. They’ll do anything to distract from the real issues.”

Sununu added, “I’m an extremist? Well, that’s good. What extreme am I? Am I extreme right or extreme left? I don’t know. They both yell at me.”

The Republicans gathered in Waterbury, where Stefanowski lost to Lamont by about 3,800 votes in 2018 and has pledged to fare better this time.

During the past three election cycles, Republicans have performed well in the suburbs every four years. But Democrat Dannel P. Malloy in 2010 and 2014 and

Lamont in 2018 scored huge victories in the cities — providing enough votes to win the entire state.

After Waterbury, the two Republicans headed south for a fundraiser at the Branford Yacht Club in the upscale shoreline town with a maximum ticket price of \$3,500 per person and a minimum of \$300.

The appearance with Sununu marked a sharp contrast from Stefanowski’s last fundraiser in which the high-profile guest of honor, Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts, did not appear due to what the campaign called a scheduling conflict. But that did not stop a clash between Republicans and Democrats over guns and abortion.

The fundraiser had caused controversy among Democrats because Ricketts favors banning abortion, even in cases of rape and incest, if the landmark Roe v. Wade decision were overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in the coming weeks.

Stefanowski is locked in a high-stakes, big-money battle against Lamont, a fellow millionaire former business executive. Lamont has already spent more than \$40 million of his own money in three statewide races in 2006, 2010, and 2018. He is expected to spend millions more this year to keep his current position.

For more than a decade, Republicans have had trouble winning in New England.

Stefanowski is trying to break a 15-year losing streak by Republicans in major races in Connecticut. In 2006, then-Gov. M. Jodi Rell and then-U.S. Rep. Chris Shays of Bridgeport both won reelection. But Shays lost in the Democratic wave that swept in Barack Obama as president in 2008, and no Connecticut Republican has won a seat for Congress, governor or other statewide office since then.

Shays was the last Republican member of the House from New England, a sharp turnaround from nine Republicans when he first went to Congress after an upset victory in 1987.

Today, the governors of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Vermont are all Republicans, but the party’s representation among 33 seats from New England in Washington has been relatively rare in recent years with the high-profile exception of U.S. Sen. Susan Collins of Maine.

While Democrats disagree, Stefanowski says this year will be different.

“We came close to winning Waterbury last time. We’re going to win it this time,” Stefanowski said, when asked by the Courant. “I won the 5th District last time. ... We’ve made a ton of terrific friends here.”

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senior year, Stafford lost in over-time in the state championship game in basketball.

During her junior and senior years, the field hockey, softball and basketball teams had a 99-11-3 record. When the group, dubbed “The Magnificent Seven” by the Journal Inquirer, graduated in 1976, their softball coach Steve Levinthal lamented to the paper: “This may be the end of the gravy train.”

Many of the “Seven” — Patty Hastings, Lori Lorenzet, Denise Daggett, Jennifer Stone, Jill LeMaire and Pam Day — are still friends to this day.

Before Title IX

Corinne Lorenzet, Lori’s older sister, entered Stafford High in 1970. She first played basketball as a sophomore. That was the only girls sport offered at the time. She had played 6-on-6 basketball in gym class in middle school.

“I think it morphed into you could have a rover and I got to be the rover,” she said. “I think it was because I didn’t shut up until somebody let me be the rover. Then we went to 5-on-5.”

O’Neil and her friends came into the high school when Lorenzet was a junior.

“That’s when we were in the hallway,” Lorenzet said. “All I know is we were thrilled to be playing. We had some gym time. Sometimes we had half a gym.

“At that time, we had our own manufactured uniforms. When I was a senior, we finally got uniforms. It was lovely. They had numbers on the back but not on the front. We used blue electrical tape and made our own numbers.” Lorenzet was outspoken and made it clear she was not happy about certain things.

“It was those kind of things where there certainly was no equity between what we had and what the guys had,” she said. “I remember having discussions like, ‘How come we don’t have numbers? What do you mean, you didn’t put numbers on the shirts? We need numbers.’

“I don’t want to say we didn’t have support, because we did. We had a number of women teachers who were very supportive and some of the men teachers, too. They would come to our games and listen to us moan about some of the inequities.

“At that point, too, Title IX had been around for a couple of years and we knew we should have been treated equally, but we didn’t really didn’t know how to go about that necessarily.”

After Title IX

In 1973, when the “Seven” were sophomores, Stafford fielded its first official field hockey team after having a club team the year before. The Bulldogs went 4-1-3. They refused to wear skirts as other field hockey teams did, so the uniforms they wound up with were matching pinstriped blue shorts and shirts (and no numbers, naturally). Hastings, now Patty Kritzman, called them “jail suits.”

That winter, the Bulldogs won 10 basketball games. They went 9-2 in softball.

In their junior year, everything started to come together. They doubled the number of field hockey victories. In basketball, they were unstoppable. They won the NCCC title and advanced through the Class S state tournament.



A field hockey game at Stafford High in the fall of 1975 when the Bulldogs went 14-1. The Stafford player nearest to the ball is Janice Goolsby while Dawn DaDalt is off to the right and Marcia Durrell is behind Goolsby. **HANDOUT**



Fifty years later, the Stafford High athletes who were Title IX pioneers still get together. Left to right: Karen (Milikowski) McDonald, Tammy (Liston) Zamichiei, Jill (LeMaire) Bachiochi, Michelle (Palocko) Janiak, Patty (Hastings) Kritzman, Lori (Lorenzet) Ziomek, Dawn (DaDalt) O’Neil, Corinne Lorenzet and Lisa (Robinson) Ostrowski. **HANDOUT**

Daggett, DaDalt and Day combined for 36 points to beat Lewis Mills 48-37 in the Class S semifinal in front of 500 fans at Penney High in East Hartford. The finals were at Windham High. The Bulldogs only had one senior and beat Woodstock 39-33 to win Stafford’s first girls state title.

They went 18-1 in softball, losing in the first round of the state tournament to Ellington.

“When I was growing up, I played with my brother and all the boys in the neighborhood, softball and basketball,” O’Neil said. “In middle school, our PE teacher Kit Bogan, she was way ahead of her time, she knew we were interested

in sports. We would walk up to St. Edward [School] from the middle school to play [basketball].

“It was in my middle school years that I realized I wanted to be a PE teacher. [Bogan] loved sports. I loved sports myself so I said this is what I want to do.”

O’Neil had no idea that girls were treated differently from boys until she got to high school.

“When I got to the high school and I saw what the boys had ... we didn’t even have uniforms,” she said. “When they got new sweat-suits and uniforms, we got their hand-me-downs. We looked like misfits. But we took what we could get.”

The last hurrah

In the fall of 1975, the “Seven,” now seniors, went 14-1 in field hockey, losing to Canton in the state quarterfinals. O’Neil scored 27 goals that year.

In basketball, they went back to the state final again, this time in Class M. The championship game was at Southern Connecticut State University.

“We were playing in high schools [in the state tournament] our junior year and then we went to Southern Connecticut our senior year — the big show,” O’Neil said. “That’s where I ended up going to college.

“We were shell-shocked from practicing in the hall to that our senior year.”

Stafford beat Suffield 58-57 in the Class M semifinal game on a layup by Gail Panciera with 27 seconds left. Daggett, the 5-foot-10 center who averaged 15 points and 20 rebounds, had 18 points. The two NCCC teams had beaten each other during the regular season; it was the only loss for both.

Foul trouble and turnovers plagued the Bulldogs in the championship against North Branford. Stafford led by a point at halftime, but in the fourth quarter, Daggett fouled out. They lost 60-56 in over-time, finishing 19-2 and winning 40 of 43 games over their last two years.

Their last hurrah was on the softball field in 1976. They had uniforms, they had a fan base, they were written up in the paper and they had each other.

“People invested in us because we were doing well,” O’Neil said. “We were competitive. Everybody likes to follow a winner.”

And they had Levinthal, who guided the Bulldogs to a 19-1 record and Stafford’s second girls state championship, beating Housatonic 9-2 in the Class M final.

“I always told my kids if you ever win a state championship, you’ll take it to your grave because I’m 63 and I’m still talking about it,” O’Neil said.

Kritzman and O’Neil went on to become physical education teachers. Many of the players stayed close and get together still, their bond forged by hardship and team camaraderie.

“There was a chemistry we had,” Kritzman said. “We still are all friends and we still get together.”

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Shooting

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siblings live in the house under the custody of their grandmother, according to police.

The Department of Children and Families has been notified and is conducting an investigation, police said.

According to Spagnolo, Samuels fled after the gun went off. Spagnolo said police have been unable to locate him and there are no reported sightings. He reportedly

has ties to the New York and Florida areas.

Samuels is facing charges of first-degree assault, illegal discharge of a firearm, first-degree reckless endangerment, illegal transfer of pistol or revolver, criminal use of a weapon, carrying a pistol without a permit, illegal possession of weapons in a motor vehicle and three counts of risk of injury to a child, according to Spagnolo.

Samuels is considered armed and dangerous since the weapon was not found at the crime scene, Spagnolo said. According to police,

Samuels also has an active warrant out for his arrest for a robbery case in Bristol that happened last year.

Spagnolo said this is the first shooting he can remember on Pinecrest Drive in his 29-year career with the Waterbury Police Department, though police said they responded to the house three times since August of 2021, mostly for domestic disputes.

According to the Waterbury Police Department, the number of gun incidents and victims has doubled this year so far in comparison to last year at this time. There

have been 145 incidents and 44 victims of gunfire in 2022, up from 65 incidents and 20 victims at this time in 2021 in the city, Spagnolo said.

Spagnolo added that gun safety is something of concern for the department.

“Gun safety is certainly something that we’re all concerned about,” he said. “First of all, you should be a licensed gun carrier if you’re going to handle or be in possession of a gun, which was not the case in this particular incident. But certainly, it shouldn’t be some-

thing that you’re handling in a room full of small children.”

Spagnolo also encouraged residents to utilize the 911 system in the case of an emergency. This was not used in this case. Police were not alerted to the shooting until the child was brought to the hospital, Spagnolo said.

This case remains under investigation. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the WPD Detective Bureau at 203-574-6941 or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at 203-755-1234.



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Biden calls for gas tax suspension

GOP, Dems cool to 3-month plan meant to ease pain at pump
By Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Wednesday called on Congress to suspend federal gasoline and diesel taxes for three months — an election-year move meant to ease financial pressures that was greeted with doubts by many lawmakers.

The Democratic president also called on states to suspend their own gas taxes or provide similar relief, and he delivered a public critique of the energy industry for prioritizing profits over production. It would take action by lawmakers in Washington and in statehouses across the country to actually bring relief to consumers.

“It doesn’t reduce all the pain but it will be a big help,” Biden said, using the bully pulpit when his administration believes it has run out of direct levers to address soaring gas prices. “I’m doing my part. I want Congress, states and industry to do their part as well.”

At issue is the 18.4-cents-a-gallon federal tax on gas and the 24.4-cents-a-gallon federal tax on diesel fuel. If the gas savings were fully passed along to consumers, people would save roughly 3.6% at the pump when prices are averaging about \$5 a gallon nationwide.

Biden’s push faces uphill odds in Congress, which must act in order to suspend the tax, and where many lawmakers — including some in his own party — have expressed reservations.



President Biden’s call to temporarily suspend federal gas and diesel taxes was not met with enthusiasm. **DREW ANGERER/GETTY**

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., offered a noncommittal response to Biden’s proposal, saying she would look to see if there was support for it in Congress.

“We will see where the consensus lies on a path forward for the president’s proposal in the House and the Senate,” Pelosi said.

In his speech, Biden tied higher energy prices to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and said, “defending freedom, defending democracy was not going to go without cost for the American people and the rest of the free world.” The president noted that lawmakers backed sanctions against

Russia and aiding Ukraine despite the risks of inflation from resulting energy and food shortages.

Democrats, Republicans and independents in Congress chose to support Ukraine, “knowing full well the cost,” he said.

“So for all those Republicans in Congress criticizing me today for high gas prices in America: Are you now saying you were wrong to support Ukraine?” Biden said. “Are you saying that we would rather have lower gas prices in America than (Russian President Vladimir) Putin’s iron fist in Europe? I don’t believe that.”

The president said “states are now in a strong posi-

tion to be able to afford to take some of these actions,” thanks to federal support from the 2021 COVID-19 relief bill. But there is no guarantee that states will tap into their budgets to suspend their taxes on gas or to deliver rebates to consumers.

Barack Obama, during the 2008 presidential campaign, called the idea of a gas tax holiday a “gimmick” that allowed politicians to “say that they did something.” He also warned that oil companies could offset the tax relief by increasing their prices.

The administration is saying that gas tax suspensions at the federal and

state levels as well as energy companies pouring their profits into production and refining capacity could cut gas prices by \$1 a gallon.

High gas prices pose a fundamental threat to Biden’s electoral and policy ambitions. They’ve caused confidence in the economy to slump to lows that bode poorly for defending Democratic control of the House and the Senate in November.

Biden’s past efforts to cut gas prices — including the release of oil from the U.S. strategic reserve and greater ethanol blending this summer — have not delivered savings at the pump, a risk that carries over to the idea of a gas tax holiday.

The president can do remarkably little to fix prices that are set by global markets, profit-driven companies, consumer demand and aftershocks from Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and the embargoes that followed. The underlying problem is a shortage of oil and refineries that produce gas, a challenge a tax holiday cannot necessarily fix.

Republican lawmakers have said Biden created a hostile environment for domestic oil producers, causing their output to stay below pre-pandemic levels.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky mocked the gas tax holiday as an “ineffective stunt.”

“This ineffective administration’s big new idea is a silly proposal that senior members of their own party have already shot down well in advance,” he said in a floor speech.

Rep. Peter DeFazio of Massachusetts, the Democratic chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, said he would not support suspending the gas tax. DeFazio said a better course would be to tax oil companies on “windfall profits.”

Administration officials said the \$10 billion cost of the gas tax holiday would be paid for and the Highway Trust Fund kept whole, even though the gas taxes make up a substantial source of revenue for the fund. The officials did not specify any new revenue sources.

Meanwhile, energy companies are scheduled to meet Thursday with Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm to discuss ways to increase supply.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Ukraine’s EU candidacy gets boost before summit

Zelenskyy expresses optimism over bloc’s decision in Brussels
By John Leicester
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — A Ukrainian official overseeing the country’s push to join the European Union said Wednesday that she’s “100%” certain all 27 EU nations will approve Ukraine’s EU candidacy during a summit this week.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy expressed similar optimism, calling it a “crucial moment” for Ukraine. Ukraine’s membership bid is the top order of business for EU leaders meeting in Brussels.

Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration Olha Stefanishyna said the decision could come as soon as Thursday, when the leaders’ summit starts.

Stefanishyna said Denmark, the Netherlands and Sweden had been skeptical about starting accession talks with Ukraine while it is fighting Russia’s invasion but are now supportive. Asked how confident she was that Ukraine would

be accepted as an EU candidate, she said: “The day before the summit starts, I can say 100%.”

The EU’s executive arm threw its weight behind Ukraine’s candidacy last week. Stefanishyna described the European Commission’s endorsement as “a game changer” that had cut the ground from under “the legs of those most hesitating.”

EU candidate status, which can be granted only if the existing member countries agree unanimously, is the first step toward membership. It does not provide any security guarantees or an automatic right to join the bloc.

Ukraine’s full membership will depend on whether the war-torn country can satisfy political and economic conditions. Potential newcomers need to demonstrate that they meet standards on democratic principles and must absorb 80,000 pages of rules covering everything from trade and immigration to fertilizers and the rule of law.

Stefanishyna said she thinks Ukraine could be an EU member within years, not the decades that some European officials have fore-

cast.

“We’re already very much integrated in the European Union,” she said. “We want to be a strong and competitive member state, so it may take from two to 10 years.”

To help candidates, the bloc can provide technical and financial assistance. European officials have said that Ukraine has already implemented about 70% of the EU rules, norms and standards, but have also pointed to corruption and the need for deep political and economic reforms.

In a virtual talk to Canadian university students Wednesday, Zelenskyy described the Brussels summit as “two decisive days” that, like Stefanishyna, he thinks will result in approval of Ukraine’s EU candidacy.

“That is very crucial moment for us. For some people in my team are saying this is like going into the light from the darkness,” the Ukrainian president said. “In terms of our army and society, this is a big motivator, a big motivation factor for the unity and victory of the Ukrainian people.”

Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo said he spoke with Zelenskyy on



A man sticks small Ukrainian flags carrying the names of servicemen killed in the war against Russia into a plot of grass Wednesday in the capital of Kyiv. **SERGEI SUPINSKY/GETTY-APP**

Wednesday and guaranteed him that Belgium would support Ukraine’s candidacy status.

“Considerable efforts will be needed, especially in the fight against corruption and the establishment of an effective rule of law,” De Croo said. “But I am convinced that it is precisely the (postwar) reconstruction of Ukraine that will provide opportunities to take important steps forward.”

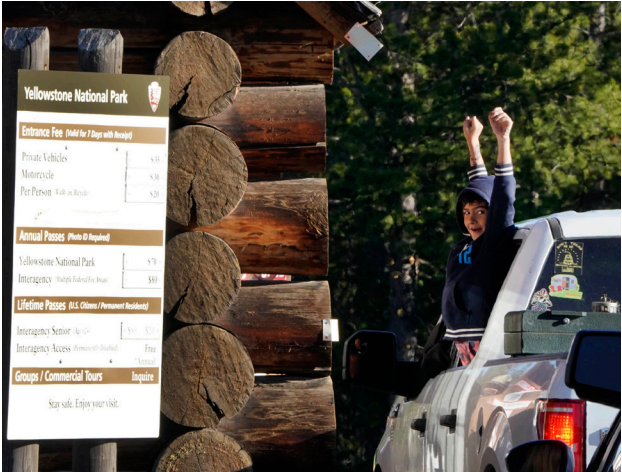
In other developments: ■ Press freedom group Reporters Without Borders said a Ukrainian photojournalist and a soldier

accompanying him appear to have been “coldly executed” during the first weeks of the war in Ukraine as they searched in Russian-occupied woods for a missing camera drone. The group sent investigators to the woods north of the capital, Kyiv, where the bodies of Maks Levin and serviceman Oleksiy Chernyshov were found April 1.

■ Russian forces have captured three villages in the contested eastern region of Ukraine. Luhansk Gov. Serhiy Haidai said the villages are a few miles from Lysychansk, the last city in his province still fully under

Ukrainian control. The Russians have also taken a strategic coal village, Toshkivka, enabling them to intensify attacks, Haidai said.

■ The Russian Defense Ministry said that Russian forces killed up to 500 Ukrainian servicemen in strikes Tuesday against a Mykolaiv shipbuilding plant. The ministry also said Ukrainian forces evacuated up to 30 wounded and eight dead U.S. and British foreign fighters from near Mykolaivka, in the separatist Donetsk People’s Republic. Ukrainian officials have not confirmed those claims.



A boy celebrates after his family is checked in Wednesday at Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. **GEORGE FREY/GETTY**

Yellowstone partially reopens in wake of floods

By Matthew Brown and Amy Beth Hanson
Associated Press

WAPITI, Wyo. — Several thousand cars, trucks and recreational vehicles were backed up in long lines at entrances to Yellowstone National Park as it partially reopened Wednesday following record floods that reshaped the park’s rivers and canyons, wiped out numerous roads and left some areas famous for their wildlife inaccessible, possi-

bly for months to come.

Park managers opened three of Yellowstone’s five entrances for the first time since June 13, when 10,000 visitors were ordered out after rivers across northern Wyoming and southern Montana surged over their banks following a torrent of rainfall that accelerated the spring snowmelt. The cost and scope of the damage is still being assessed, Yellowstone Superintendent Cam Sholly said Wednesday.

Some of the premier

attractions at America’s first national park will again be viewable, including Old Faithful. But the bears, wolves and bison that roam the wild Lamar Valley and the thermal features around Mammoth Hot Springs will remain out of reach.

The wildlife-rich northern half of the park will be shuttered until at least early July, and key routes into the park remain severed near the Montana tourist towns of Gardiner, Red Lodge and Cooke City.

To keep visitor numbers down while repairs continue, park managers will use a system that only allows cars with even-numbered last digits on their license plates to enter on even days, while vehicles with odd-numbered last numbers can come on odd days.

Groups of visitors traveling together in different cars are exempt from the license plate system as well as people with reservations at campgrounds and hotels in the park.

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WORLD & NATION

Taliban plead for help after quake

Foreign aid sought after at least 1,000 killed in Afghanistan

By Ebrahim Noroozi
Associated Press

GAYAN, Afghanistan — A powerful earthquake struck a rugged, mountainous region of eastern Afghanistan early Wednesday, flattening stone and mud-brick homes and killing at least 1,000 people. The disaster posed a new test for Afghanistan's Taliban rulers and relief agencies already struggling with the country's multiple humanitarian crises.

The quake was Afghanistan's deadliest in two decades, and officials said the toll could rise. An estimated 1,500 others were reported injured, the state-run news agency said.

The disaster from the 6.1 magnitude quake heaps more misery on a country where millions face increasing hunger and poverty and the health system has been crumbling since the Taliban returned to power last August amid the U.S. and NATO withdrawal. The takeover led to a cutoff of vital international financing and most of the world has shunned the Taliban government.

In a rare move, the Taliban's supreme leader, Haibatullah Akhundzadah, who almost never appears in public, pleaded with the international community and humanitarian organizations "to help the Afghan people affected by this great tragedy and to spare no effort."

At least 2,000 homes were destroyed in the region, where on average every household has seven or eight people living in it, said Ramiz Alakbarov, the U.N. deputy special representative to Afghanistan.

The full extent of the destruction among the



Boys in Afghanistan's Khost province sit by their house that was destroyed during a powerful earthquake Wednesday. AP

villages tucked in the mountains was slow in coming to light. The roads, which are rutted and difficult to travel in the best of circumstances, may have been badly damaged, and landslides from recent rains made access more difficult.

Rescuers rushed in by helicopter, but the relief effort could be hindered by the exodus of many international aid agencies from Afghanistan after the Taliban takeover. Moreover, most governments are wary of dealing directly with the Taliban.

The quake was centered in Paktika province, 31 miles southwest of the city of Khost, according to neighboring Pakistan's Meteorological Department. Experts put its depth at 6 miles. Shallow earthquakes tend to cause more damage.

Sarhadi Khosti, 26, who lives in the Sperah district of Khost province, said he had been woken up by the earthquake after 1 a.m. and that a number of houses — especially those made of earth or wood — had been destroyed.

"For now, we still are busy pulling the dead or injured from under the rubble," he said.

The European seismological agency said the quake was felt by 119 million people in Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.

Footage from Paktika showed men carrying people in blankets to a waiting helicopter. Other victims were treated on the ground. One person could be seen receiving IV fluids while sitting in a plastic chair outside the rubble of his home.

The death toll reported by the Bakhtar news agency

was equal to that from a 2002 quake in northern Afghanistan. Those are the deadliest since 1998, when an earthquake, also 6.1 in magnitude, and subsequent tremors in the remote northeast killed at least 4,500 people.

Wednesday's quake took place in a region prone to landslides, with many older, weaker buildings.

"The fear is that the victims will increase further, also because many people could be trapped under collapsed buildings," said Stefano Sozza, Afghanistan country director for the Italian medical aid group Emergency.

More than 60% of Afghanistan's population of 38 million already relies on international aid to survive.

Humanitarian agencies still operating in the country, including UNICEF, rushed

supplies to the quake-stricken areas. And Pakistan said it would send food, tents, blankets and other essentials.

Obtaining more direct international help may be more difficult: Many countries, including the U.S., funnel humanitarian aid to Afghanistan through the U.N. and other such organizations to avoid putting money in the Taliban's hands.

The quake "will only add to the immense humanitarian needs in Afghanistan, and it really has to be all hands on deck to make sure that we really limit the suffering that families, that women and children are already going through," said Shelley Thakral, spokesperson for the U.N. World Food Program in Kabul.

In the capital, Prime Minister Mohammad Hassan Akhund convened

an emergency meeting at the presidential palace.

"When such a big incident happens in any country, there is a need for help from other countries," said Sharafuddin Muslim, deputy minister of state for disaster management. "It is very difficult for us to be able to respond to this huge incident."

That may be difficult given the international isolation of Afghanistan under the Taliban, who were toppled from power by the U.S. in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. The newly restored government has issued a flurry of edicts curtailing the rights of women and girls and the news media in a turn back toward the Taliban's harsh rule from the 1990s.

The New York Times contributed.

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WORLD & NATION

Crunch time coming for caretaker

Expected interim Israeli PM Lapid must prove himself

By Josef Federman
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — In a 10-year political career, Israel's Yair Lapid has transformed himself from an upstart political novice to a feisty opposition leader to the savvy operator who toppled Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Next week, he is expected to assume his biggest role yet — as the new prime minister.

On Wednesday, lawmakers voted in favor of dissolving parliament in a preliminary vote, the first step in a series of votes before the formal dissolution of the 120-seat Knesset.

Once that happens, Lapid — now foreign minister — takes over as caretaker prime minister until elections in October or November. It will be a critical test for Lapid, 58, who will try to convince Israelis he is worthy of the top office as he takes on a resurgent Netanyahu.

“A year ago, we started the process of rebuilding, and now: We’re carrying it on, and carrying it on together,” Lapid said earlier this week as he stood alongside his main coalition partner, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett.

Officially, the two men were announcing the end of their year-old government — an alliance of eight diverse parties severely weakened by months of infighting and rebellion.

But in many ways, Lapid sounded like he was beginning his next campaign.

“Even if we are going to elections in a few months, the challenges we face will not wait,” he said, pointing to Israel’s high cost of living and security challenges in Gaza, Lebanon and Iran.

In a swipe at Netanyahu, who is on trial for corruption charges, he vowed to “stand



A Likud campaign billboard in Ramat Gan, Israel, portrays party leader Benjamin Netanyahu, left, and Yesh Atid party leader Yair Lapid. ODED BALILTY/AP 2021

against the forces threatening to turn Israel into a nondemocratic country.”

Netanyahu, believing he is the victim of a political witch hunt, has made clear he intends to take on the country’s legal and law enforcement establishment if he returns to power.

A former author, columnist, news anchor, bank pitchman and amateur boxer, Lapid left a successful career as a media personality to enter politics in 2012 as head of a new centrist party popular with middle-class Israelis.

He promised economic relief, an end to controversial draft exemptions for seminary students and a more moderate approach to the Palestinians.

Unlike the right-wing parties that dominate Israel’s political system, Lapid favors peace talks leading to an eventual two-state solution with the Palestinians, although it’s unclear if he

will ever have the kind of mandate needed to engage in such a process.

In 2013, he led his new Yesh Atid party to a surprisingly strong showing in parliamentary elections. Yesh Atid finished as the second-largest party, with 19 seats in the Knesset.

Lapid became finance minister, a difficult and often thankless task. While marking some successes, his key promises of lowering the cost of living and bringing down housing prices failed to materialize. Netanyahu eventually fired him for insubordination.

Yesh Atid dropped to 11 seats in the 2015 elections. Lapid found himself in the opposition and appeared to be on the way to becoming the latest in a long line of centrist politicians to flame out after early success.

But Lapid managed to reinvent himself. He formed an alliance with former military chief Benny Gantz that

came close to toppling Likud in three consecutive elections.

Those elections, focused on Netanyahu’s divisive personality and fitness to rule, all ended inconclusively.

Moving to end the deadlock, Gantz briefly joined forces with Netanyahu in 2020 — leaving Lapid as opposition leader and a vocal government critic.

When the country went back to the polls in early 2021, Yesh Atid once again surged and emerged as the second-largest party in parliament.

In a stroke of creative diplomacy and political savvy, Lapid cobbled together a coalition that pushed Netanyahu into the opposition for the first time in 12 years.

Although Lapid was the mastermind of the alliance, he cemented the deal by agreeing to rotate the job of prime minister with Bennett — a move that was seen by many as selfless and states-

manlike. Lapid took on the post of foreign minister.

The coalition members spanned the Israeli political spectrum, with little binding them together beyond opposition to Netanyahu. The government made history by being the first to include an Arab party.

The coalition got off to a strong start — passing the first national budget in several years, navigating a pair of coronavirus waves and improving relations with the U.S. and Arab allies. But ultimately, ideological differences caused it to unravel.

The coming months present great risk — and great opportunity.

Once again, Netanyahu’s Likud party appears to be the front-runner. And once again, Netanyahu’s leadership style and legal woes are likely to be high on voters’ minds.

While Lapid is sure to face relentless attacks from Netanyahu, who has tried

to portray him as a lightweight who betrayed Israel’s security by allying with an Arab faction, he will do so from the perch of the prime minister’s office.

After serving as foreign minister for the past year, he will have even more opportunities to strengthen his international standing. He is set to host President Joe Biden on a visit next month and will have the opportunity to speak at the United Nations General Assembly in September.

As caretaker prime minister, Lapid is unlikely to launch any major military operations or bold peace initiatives with the Palestinians.

“Lapid has to work now at looking prime ministerial,” wrote Anshel Pfeffer, a columnist at the Haaretz daily. “His new post, from next week on, as interim prime minister is his greatest asset going into the election.”



Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., left, and Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., preside Tuesday over the fourth hearing of the House’s Jan. 6 investigative committee. MANDEL NGAN/GETTY-AFP

Chairman: Jan. 6 Capitol riot hearings to stretch into July

By Farnoush Amiri and Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House’s Jan. 6 committee plans to continue its public hearings into July as its investigation of the U.S. Capitol riot deepens.

The chairman, Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., told reporters Wednesday that the committee is receiving “a lot of information” — including new documentary film footage of Donald Trump’s final months in office — as its yearlong inquiry intensifies with hearings into the attack on Jan. 6, 2021, and Trump’s efforts to overturn the 2020 election that Democrat Joe Biden won.

Thompson said the committee’s Thursday hearing, which is set to highlight former Justice Department officials testifying about Trump’s proposals to reject the election results, would wrap up this month’s work. The committee would start up again in July.

“We have a new documentary from a person that we’re talking to, and we got to look through all

his information,” Thompson said, referring to British filmmaker Alex Holder whose never-before-seen interviews with the former president and his inner circle were turned over to the committee this week.

For the past year, the committee has been investigating the violence at the Capitol and its causes, and has interviewed more than 1,000 witnesses and produced some 140,000 documents. Nine people died in the attack and its aftermath.

The committee had been scheduled to conclude this first round of public hearings in June. But additional information has come to the committee’s attention, and Congress is set to recess for two weeks of remote and district work into the Fourth of July holiday.

The revelation about the film came to light Tuesday when Holder revealed he had complied with a congressional subpoena to turn over all of the footage he shot in the final weeks of Trump’s 2020 reelection campaign.

“When we began this project in September 2020, we could have never

predicted that our work would one day be subpoenaed by Congress,” Holder wrote in a statement Tuesday on Twitter.

The filmmaker said the footage includes exclusive interviews with Trump, his children and then-Vice President Mike Pence while on the campaign trail as well as before and after the insurrection took place at the Capitol.

In his statement on Twitter, Holder wrote that “we simply wanted to understand who the Trumps were and what motivated them to hold onto power so desperately.”

Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., indicated Tuesday that the investigation’s schedule may be changing.

“I would just say the original hearings would have wrapped up in June, but we are picking up new evidence on a daily basis with enormous velocity,” Raskin said. “And so we’re constantly incorporating and including the new information that’s coming out.”

He added: “But certainly the hearings will conclude before the end of the summer.”

On alert, abortion providers bracing for high court ruling

By Sara Burnett
Associated Press

In her first week on the job at a Philadelphia abortion clinic, Amanda Kifferly was taught how to search for bombs. About a year later, protesters blocked the entrances and exits of the The Women’s Centers, at one point pulling Kifferly into something resembling a mosh pit, where they surrounded her and shoved her around.

And on the night of last winter’s arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in a case that could end the nationwide right to abortion, people gathered outside a clinic in New Jersey with lawn chairs, a cooler and a flaming torch — a sight that brought to mind lynchings and other horrors of the country’s racist past, says Kifferly, who now serves as vice president for abortion access.

Such scenes have become familiar for providers and patients across the country since the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling legalizing abortion. At times the violence has been far more severe, including bombings, arson and murders — from the 1993 killing of Dr. David Gunn outside a Florida abortion clinic to the 2015 fatal shooting of three people inside a Colorado Planned Parenthood.

Now providers and some in law enforcement worry what will come next. They’re preparing for an increase in violence once the Supreme Court rules, saying there has historically been a spike when the issue of abortion gets widespread public attention, such as after a state approves new restrictions. If the decision ends Roe v. Wade — as a leaked draft opinion suggests — they also anticipate protests, harassment and other violence to be more concentrated and intensify in states where abortion remains legal.



Amanda Kifferly, vice president for abortion access at The Women’s Centers, speaks Wednesday with a security guard at their location in Cherry Hill, N.J. MATT ROURKE/AP

“It’s not like the people protesting clinics in banned states just pack up and go home,” said Melissa Fowler, chief program officer for the National Abortion Federation.

The group and the hundreds of abortion clinics it represents have been on “heightened alert” since the opinion leaked, Fowler said. The organization has staff who specialize in security on call around the clock. They go out to clinics to do drills with employees and volunteers on scenarios such as bomb threats or active shooters and advise them on things like where to position security cameras. They also conduct safety assessments at the homes of physicians, monitor online threats and consult with local law enforcement.

In some places, police are working with clinics to try to tamp down the potential for violence. In Jacksonville, Florida, the sheriff’s office said last month it would station an officer outside the clinic, and police in Little Rock, Arkansas, installed a camera atop a crane near an abortion clinic that has been the site of protests, hoping to deter bad actors.

Immediately following the leak and for days afterward, police in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, initiated extra

patrols around the Women’s Center location, Kifferly said.

But the relationship between clinics and local police isn’t always positive, and clinics must weigh whether a heavy police presence will frighten patients, Fowler said. In Kifferly’s experience, how well clinics and police departments work together varies by city and state. She recalled asking an officer for help as she was assaulted outside the Philadelphia clinic, and the officer responding that she should “call 911.”

NAF, which collects monthly data from its over 500 members on harassment and violence, reported a spike in incidents in 2020, the most recent year for which the group has published data. The number of death threats or threats of harm and of assault and battery both increased by more than double, and providers reported more than 24,000 incidents of hate email or internet harassment.

Abortion opponents also have been targets of violence, and say they’ve also seen an increase in incidents since the draft opinion leaked, though the FBI in a 2020 memo described the incidents as historically “rare.”

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Powell: ‘Soft landing’ still Fed’s inflation policy goal

Members of both parties skeptical on plans to slow growth, avoid recession

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell sought Wednesday to reassure the public that the Fed will raise interest rates high and fast enough to quell inflation, without tightening credit so much as to throttle the economy and cause a recession.

Testifying to the Senate Banking Committee, Powell faced skeptical questions from members of both parties about the Fed’s ability to tame inflation.

Democrats wondered whether the Fed’s accelerated rate hikes will succeed in curbing inflation or might instead just tip the economy into a downturn. Several Republicans charged that the Fed under Powell had moved too slowly to begin raising rates and now must speed up its hikes.

Powell acknowledged that a recession is possible as the Fed pushes borrowing costs steadily higher. “It’s not our intended outcome, but it’s certainly a possibility,” he said in response to a question from Sen. John Tester, D-Mont.

Powell stressed that the Fed’s primary goal is to reduce inflation but said he still hopes to achieve a “soft landing” — a reduction in inflation and a slowdown in growth without triggering a recession and high unemployment.

“We do think it’s absolutely essential that we restore price stability, really for the benefit of the labor market as much as anything else,” Powell said on the first of two days of testimony as part of the Fed’s semiannual report to Congress.

He said the pace of future rate hikes will depend on whether — and how quickly — inflation starts to decline.

The central bank’s accelerating rate increases — starting with a quarter-point hike in its key short-term rate in March, then a half-point increase in May, then three-quarters of a point last week — have alarmed investors and led to sharp declines in the financial markets.

Concerns are growing that the Fed will end up tightening credit so much as to cause a recession. This week, Goldman Sachs estimated the likelihood of a recession at 30% over the next year and at 48%

over the next two years.

A senior Republican on the Banking Committee, Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina, on Wednesday accused Powell of having taken too long to raise rates, and like many other Republicans, also blamed President Joe Biden’s \$1.9 trillion financial stimulus package, approved in March 2021, for being excessively large and exacerbating inflation.

Many economists agree that the additional spending contributed to rising prices by magnifying demand even while supply chains were snarled by COVID-19-related shutdowns and labor shortages were driving up wages. Inflation was further worsened by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

At Wednesday’s hearing, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., asked whether Powell’s rate hike plans would reduce gas or food prices.

Powell acknowledged that they wouldn’t. Instead, he said, higher borrowing costs for things like mortgages, auto loans and credit cards, resulting directly from the Fed’s hikes, can help slow consumer demand and inflation pressures.

Watchdog: Millions of returns in IRS backlog

By Fatima Hussein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After digging out of a daunting backlog from 2021, the IRS has an even bigger backup for this tax season than it did a year ago and its pace for processing paper returns is slowing down, according to a watchdog report released Wednesday.

The National Taxpayer Advocate, an independent watchdog within the IRS, also said taxpayers are experiencing longer wait times on the telephone, and delays in processing paper returns have been running six months to one year.

The report on taxpayer challenges comes one day after the Internal Revenue Service said that it is on track to eliminate its 2021 backlog of tax returns this week.

According to the report, at the end of May the agency had a backlog of 21.3 million unprocessed paper tax returns, an increase of 1.3 million over the same time last year. The agency fell short on its goal to bring on 5,473 new employees to process returns, with just 2,056 employees hired.

Additionally, phone wait times increased to 29 minutes on average, compared with last year’s 20-minute average wait time.

“That the backlog continues to grow is deeply concerning, primarily because millions of taxpayers have been waiting six months or more to receive their refunds,” Erin Collins, who serves as an IRS ombudsman, said.

The Taxpayer Advocate report said credit is due to agency leadership for the burden it carries with “an extraordinarily complicated tax code,” antiquated technology, inadequate staffing and lingering challenges that have come from distributing COVID-19-related programs.

“Despite these challenges, the tax system, as a whole, has held up well during the past two years,” the report said.



Happy hour is on at the 5 O’Clock Somewhere Bar at the Margaritaville Resort last month in New York’s Times Square. As employees return to offices, some bars say their after-work happy hour crowds are now nearing pre-pandemic levels. GABRIELA BHASKAR/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Feeling more like old times

As workers slowly head back to the office, happy hour crowds starting to gather once again

By Jesus Jiménez
The New York Times

NEW YORK — With the unsteady return of workers to the office comes the shaky return of the happy hour.

The bar on the second floor of Beer Authority in Times Square was nearly full when Peter Torres and Jimmy Pazan, both 29, walked in on a recent night, but they managed to find two open stools at the corner in front of a TV airing sports highlights.

The two, who were hired by a bank during the pandemic and started to return in person over the past year, had just wrapped up their workday.

“After a particularly hard day at the branch, we come out,” said Pazan, whose drink of choice is a whiskey and ginger ale.

“It’s not planned; it just happens,” said Torres, who prefers a Stella Artois beer.

With more than 40 people at the bar, the general manager, Aoife Canny, said it was slower than it had been in recent weeks.

Even as companies struggle to coax

workers back to the office, some bars are reporting that the weekday happy hour, an institution that has been around since the 1930s, is reaching a semblance of pre-pandemic times. With office occupancy nationwide averaging 41% — less than half the pre-pandemic level of 99%, according to workplace security firm Kastle Systems — central business districts are emptier than they were in 2019.

Still, those who are back in the office are going back to the bar after work.

Melisa Rodriguez, 24, and Samaya Mayes, 22, employees of an events company in New York City’s midtown, joined colleagues for an impromptu happy hour at Beer Authority on a recent Wednesday. Their company is back in the office twice a week.

“It’s a nice break from focusing on work,” Rodriguez said, adding that it offers a pause between the workday and her commute home.

Mayes, who was recently hired, enjoys the company of her co-workers outside the office. “It’s a time to be ourselves and not be uptight,” she said.

The pandemic shuttered about 90,000 bars and restaurants nationwide in the last two years, according to the National Restaurant Association; establishments that survived or have since opened face

fewer customers and inconsistent business, as coronavirus cases in the country hover around 110,000 per day, according to a New York Times database.

And soaring prices for gas, groceries and other goods have been “kind of a double whammy for happy hours, in particular where consumers might be feeling like they are uncomfortable spending,” said Emily Moquin, a food and beverage analyst for Morning Consult.

At Jimmy’s Corner also in Times Square, Adam Glenn, the owner, said that before the pandemic forced his bar to close for 18 months, the happy hour crowd would begin to trickle in before most offices closed.

“If you weren’t there by 5 o’clock, you probably weren’t getting a seat,” he said. “You’d be standing, and we’d be packed.”

The bar has been in his family for 50 years.

But even as more offices reopen or require workers to return on some days, happy hour at Jimmy’s Corner still isn’t what it was before the pandemic.

“We’re, I would say, a lot closer to what we were before and really happy with how much stuff has grown since we reopened in October,” Glenn said. “But it’s still not quite the same after-work ... crowd that we used to have.”

BUSINESS BRIEFING

UK inflation rate reaches new high

LONDON — Britain’s inflation rate hit a new 40-year high of 9.1% in the 12 months to May, figures showed Wednesday, as Russia’s war in Ukraine drove food and fuel prices ever higher.

The Office for National Statistics said consumer price inflation rose from 9% in April, itself the highest level since 1982. The increase was in line with analysts’ expectations and signals no quick end to the cost-of-living squeeze facing millions in Britain. The Bank of England says inflation could hit 11% in October when a cap on domestic energy bills is raised.

Inflation is soaring worldwide. In May, U.S. consumer prices surged 8.6%, the biggest jump since 1981, while the 19 nations that use the euro saw a record 8.1% increase.

Walmart offering doulas to staffers

NEW YORK — Walmart is expanding health care coverage for employees who want to enlist the services of a doula, a person trained to assist women during pregnancies, to address racial inequities in maternal care.

After first offering doulas to employees in Georgia last year, the nation’s largest retailer said Wednesday that it will expand the same benefit to its employees in Louisiana, Indiana and Illinois.

Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than white women, largely due to differences in the quality of health care, underlying chronic conditions and structural racism, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

SKorea crypto probe spurs no-travel orders

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean prosecutors have barred dozens of people connected to Terraform Labs from leaving the country as they expand an investigation into a \$40 billion collapse of the company’s cryptocurrency that devastated traders around the world.

The Seoul Southern District Prosecutor’s Office said Wednesday it plans to summon them for questioning as it tries to determine whether the company committed fraud or violated financial regulations before the implosion of its digital currencies, TerraUSD and Luna, in May.

The office didn’t specify the number of people placed under the monthlong travel

ban or who they are, although they may include current and former staff members and developers. Prosecutors refused to provide more details, saying the investigation was ongoing.

Daniel Hong, a former Terraform developer, tweeted a government notice showing that he was banned from leaving the country through July 19.

The collapse of TerraUSD and Luna, developed by Terraform Lab’s Stanford-educated co-founder Do Kwon, affected an estimated 280,000 South Korean investors while causing broader turmoil in the global cryptocurrency market.

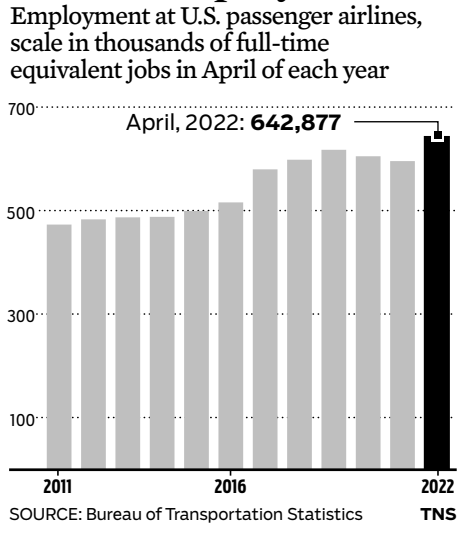
TerraUSD was designed as a stablecoin, which is pegged to stable assets like the U.S. dollar to prevent drastic fluctuations

in prices. However, around \$40 billion in market value was erased for the holders of TerraUSD and its floating sister currency, Luna, after the stablecoin plunged far below \$1 in May.

South Korean prosecutors launched the probe last month following complaints filed by dozens of investigators. They could try to summon Kwon, who is reportedly in Singapore and faces accusations that he exaggerated the stability of his currencies.

South Korea’s central bank said in a report this month that the collapse of TerraUSD and Luna was a major factor in the global currency market shrinking by more than 40% compared to late last year, when its market value reached over \$2.3 trillion.

Airline employment



BUSINESS



Natasha Crampton is Microsoft's chief responsible AI officer. Microsoft is making a push for tighter control of its artificial intelligence products. GRANT HINDSLEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Microsoft to erase face tools in a push for ‘responsible AI’

Bt Kashmir Hill
The New York Times

For years, activists and academics have been raising concerns that facial analysis software that claims to be able to identify a person's age, gender and emotional state can be biased, unreliable or invasive — and should not be sold.

Microsoft said this week that it planned to remove those features from its artificial intelligence service for detecting, analyzing and recognizing faces. They will stop being available to new users this month and will be phased out for existing users within the year.

The changes are part of a push by Microsoft for tighter controls of its artificial intelligence products. After a two-year review, a team at Microsoft has developed a “Responsible AI Standard,” a 27-page document that sets out requirements for AI systems to ensure they are not going to have a harmful impact on society.

The requirements include ensuring that systems provide “valid solutions for the problems they are designed to solve” and “a sim-

ilar quality of service for identified demographic groups, including marginalized groups.”

Before they are released, technologies that would be used to make important decisions about a person's access to jobs, education, health care, financial services or a life opportunity are subject to a review by a team led by Natasha Crampton, Microsoft's chief responsible AI officer.

There were heightened concerns at Microsoft around the emotion recognition tool, which labeled someone's expression as anger, contempt, disgust, fear, happiness, neutral, sadness or surprise.

“There's a huge amount of cultural and geographic and individual variation in the way in which we express ourselves,” Crampton said. That led to reliability concerns, along with whether “facial expression is a reliable indicator of your internal emotional state,” she said.

The age and gender analysis tools being eliminated — along with other tools to detect facial attributes — could be useful to interpret visual images for blind

or low-vision people, for example, but the company decided it was problematic to make the profiling tools generally available to the public, Crampton said.

In particular, she added, the system's so-called gender classifier was binary, “and that's not consistent with our values.”

Microsoft will also put new controls on its face recognition feature, which can be used to perform identity checks or search for a particular person. Uber uses the software in its app to verify that a driver's face matches the ID on file for that driver's account. Software developers who want to use Microsoft's facial recognition tool will need to apply for access and explain how they plan to deploy it.

Users will also be required to apply and explain how they will use other potentially abusive AI systems, such as Custom Neural Voice. The service can generate a human voice print, based on a sample of someone's speech, so that authors, for example, can create synthetic versions of their voice to read their audiobooks in languages they don't speak.

Using GPS data, carriers can coordinate with 911 operators

By Natalie Walters
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — When someone calls 911, seconds matter. That's why the first question a 911 dispatcher asks is, “What is the address of the emergency?”

A decade ago, if someone called and didn't know the address, emergency call centers would send out police officers with their sirens on and tell the caller, “Tell us when you can hear the siren.”

That's because the call center could base a caller's location only on cell towers, which can cover an area of up to 10 miles. Not only did police and rescue have trouble finding people, but calls also got routed to the wrong call center.

Now, with the advent of cellphone GPS data, carriers are teaming up with call centers.

Dallas-based AT&T says by the end of this month, all emergency calls made through the wireless carrier will be routed to emergency call centers based on phone GPS data rather than cell tower data. With GPS data, a caller can be located within 55 yards of his or her actual location — about the length of an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

“It's a pretty big game-changer,” said Terry Goswick, executive director at North Texas Emergency Communications Center, which serves Addison, Carrollton, Coppell and Farmers Branch.

AT&T customers don't need to do anything to receive the service, which AT&T worked on with cloud-based solutions company Intrado of Omaha, Nebraska.

Previously, if you called from Addison, your call might have been incorrectly routed to a nearby center in Carrollton or Dallas based on cell towers, meaning your call would need to be



About 240 million calls to 911 are made each year in the U.S., and 80% of them originate from wireless phones. AP2018

transferred. Rerouting calls can take 25 seconds to 30 seconds, an amount of time that's critical when it comes to fires and medical emergencies.

Rerouting calls isn't a rare occurrence.

Intrado said about 10% of wireless calls and up to 50% of calls in public safety areas where state, county or city boundaries overlap need to be transferred to a different call center.

AT&T's rollout will be lifesaving for someone in a traffic accident or someone caught in a fire at a hotel with an unfamiliar address, Goswick said. And then there are medical emergencies in which someone calls but can't talk, such as when they're experiencing a heart condition or seizure.

“Now when they call 911, we're going to be able to find them,” Goswick said.

Finding people used to be easier when all calls came from a stationary landline. But now, 80% of 911 calls are made on wireless phones, according to the National Emergency Number Association. And there are a lot of emergency calls each year — 240 million in the U.S. alone.

John Snapp, vice president of technology at Intrado, said AT&T's new technology means emergency calls are getting to the

right call center quicker and more often.

“The seconds really are the difference sometimes between life and death if you think of a person who may have had a heart attack or a shooting or a fire,” Snapp said.

A company sharing location data often brings up concerns about data protection. AT&T says the processing is triggered only when a caller places a 911 call, and the location data is shared directly only with public safety call centers.

Chris Sambar, AT&T Network's executive vice president, said the process happens automatically in the background. AT&T sends the phone's information to Intrado and Intrado gets the information from the device and sends it to the call center. Neither AT&T nor Intrado sees a caller's location.

While other carriers have rolled out similar technology, AT&T's nationwide tech can be used without requiring call centers to upgrade their systems, Sambar said.

For example, Verizon says on its website that it offers enhanced 911 services, including someone's estimated latitude and longitude, to centers that have upgraded their equipment.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Thursday, June 23, 2022

↓ DOW

30,483.13 -47.12

↓ 10-YR T-BOND

3.15% -16

↓ GOLD

\$1,834.30 -30

10 DAYS

Dow Jones Industrials

Close: 30,483.13

Change: -47.12 (-0.2%)

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	106.19	109.52	+41.19%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	6.86	6.81	+83.86%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.83	3.79	+72.06%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,834.30	1,834.60	+3.7%
Silver (oz)	21.41	21.75	-8.23%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx
Britain	1.2265	.8154
Canada	.7733	1.2931
China	.1492	6.7021
Euro	1.0566	.9464
Japan	.007338	136.28
Mexico	.049967	20.0134

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate	4.75	4.00
3-mo. T-Bill	1.69	1.72
6-mo. T-Bill	2.40	2.31
5-yr T-Note	3.22	3.38
10-yr T-Note	3.15	3.39
30-yr T-Bond	3.23	3.41

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,144.28	-148.12	-1.11%	-17.25%
London	7,089.22	-62.83	-.88%	-4.00%
Hong Kong	21,008.34	-551.25	-2.56%	-10.21%
Nikkei	26,149.55	-96.76	-.37%	-9.18%

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	30,483.13	-47.12	-16.11%
DOW Trans.	12,914.85	-146.79	-21.62%
DOW Util.	912.38	+8.16	-6.97%
NYSE Comp.	14,352.78	-61.47	-16.38%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,053.08	-16.22	-29.35%
S&P 500	3,759.89	-4.90	-21.11%
S&P 400	2,240.93	-7.37	-21.15%
Wilshire 5000	37,327.84	-59.35	-22.97%
Russell 2000	1,690.28	-3.75	-24.72%

Stocks of Local Interest									
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD	%CHG	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD	%CHG
AT&T Inc (T)	20.32	+.36	-17.4		Meta Platforms Inc (META)	155.85	-1.20	-53.7	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	83.75	-.04	-41.8		MetLife Inc (MET)	61.75	-.78	-1.2	
Altria Group (MO)	41.50	-4.20	-12.4		Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.60	+.08	-69.4	
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	108.95	+.27	-34.6		Novartis AG (NVS)	81.51	+.02	-6.8	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	13.10	+.06	-27.1		Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	3.94	+.08	-58.0	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	63.35	-.06	-27.6		Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	163.60	-2.06	-44.4	
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.01	+.06	-23.1		Occid Petl (OXY)	55.77	-2.10	+92.4	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	135.35	-.52	-23.8		Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	68.76	-1.11	-21.0	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	44.78	+.61	-10.2		Palantir Technol (PLTR)	9.01	+.30	-50.5	
Bank of America (BAC)	32.60	-.25	-26.7		Pfizer Inc (PFE)	49.07	+.96	-16.9	
Barnes Group (B)	31.76	-.39	-31.8		Phoenix Motor Inc (PEV)	5.83	+2.41	+43.6	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	1889.84	-47.45	-21.2		Pitney Bowes (PBI)	3.71	+.06	-44.0	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	76.55	+.08	+22.8		Precision Biosciences (DTIL)	1.49	+1.10	-79.9	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	91.29	+.21	-11.5		Prudential Fnci (PRU)	93.17	-.73	-13.9	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	9.62	+.05	-52.2		Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	59.82	+.16	-10.4	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	34.78	-.08	-35.9		Raytheon Technol (RTX)	92.56	-.36	+7.6	
Charter Commun (CHTR)	448.24	+10.77	-31.2		Revlon Inc (REV)	8.14	+2.08	-28.2	
Cigna Corp (CI)	255.90	+3.72	+11.4		Rogers Corp (ROG)	259.58	+.41	-4.9	
Clovis Oncology Inc (CLVS)	1.53	-.11	-43.5		Roblox Corp (RBLX)	31.12	+1.48	-69.8	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	38.90	+.42	-22.7		SOS Ltd (SOS)	.22	-.08	-73.2	
Disney (DIS)	93.50	+.21	-39.6		SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	56.93	+.29	-30.6	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	99.35	-.14	-22.0		Snap Inc A (SNAP)	13.08	+.23	-72.2	
Endo Intl plc (ENDP)	.36	+.02	-90.4		SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	5.60	-.12	-64.6	
Ethan Allen (ETDP)	20.65	+.33	-21.5		Sorrento Therapeut (SRNE)	2.25	+.17	-51.6	
Eversource Energy (ES)	80.58	+1.02	-11.4		Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	6.86	-.05	+47.2	
Exela Technologies (XELA)	.19	+.05	-78.3		Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	102.00	-.65	-45.9	
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	87.86	-3.62	+43.6		Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	21.21	+.21	-12.7	
Ford Motor (F)	11.48	+.02	-44.7		Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.35	-.00	-39.1	
Freeport McMoRan (FCX)	31.32	-2.71	-24.9		Tellurian Inc (TELL)	3.04	-.64	-1.3	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.77	+.09	-27.5		Terex Corp (TEX)	28.37	-.08	-35.4	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	216.01	-.54	+3.6		Tesla Inc (TSLA)	708.26	-2.85	-33.0	
Gen Electric (GE)	64.54	-1.21	-31.7		Travelers Cos (TRV)	163.15	+.52	+4.3	
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg (DNA)	2.49	+.05	-70.0		Uber Technologies (UBER)	21.50	-.26	-48.7	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	65.23	+.16	-5.5		United Rentals (URI)	241.35	-.73	-27.4	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	177.73	-2.78	-14.8		UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	489.68	+9.36	-2.5	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	11.15	+.19	-30.0		Virtus Invest (VRTS)	175.22	-.57	-41.0	
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	.51	-.04	-76.1		Voya Financial (VOYA)	58.67	-.45	-11.5	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	18.32	-.45	-27.6		Webster Financial (WBS)	43.82	-.17	-21.5	
Intel Corp (INTC)	37.38	-.35	-27.4		White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1235.65	+17.73	+21.9	
JX Luxventure Ltd (LLL)	1.74	+.25	-23.0		World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	60.31	-.71	+22.2	
Kaman (KAMN)	31.94	-.85	-26.0		XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	45.70	-.82	-41.0	
Keycorp (KEY)	17.41	-.11	-24.7		Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	16.17	+.21	-28.6	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	47.91	-.91	-29.8						
M&T Bank (MTB)	164.72	-.54	+7.3						
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	27.33	-.34	-39.1						

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GOP may win midterms, but history not on its side



Jonah Goldberg

For congressional Republicans, the election can't come soon enough. In the modern era, it's hard to think of a time when the party out of power had more things going its way. Harry Enten, CNN's political data analyst, recently noted that going by the generic ballot, things haven't looked this good for Republicans to pick up House seats in the midterms since 1938. Since 1980, the party of the president in power has lost an average of 22 seats in the midterms. Republicans only need nine to win the majority.

Of course, Republicans think this means they're doing something right. But if recent history is any guide, you can be sure that once elected, Republicans will blow it.

For decades now, our national politics have been caught in a bizarre pattern. The party in power governs as if it were about to lose power, so it shoots the moon on big ambitious, base-pleasing gambits that annoy the center and make its own electoral defeat all the more likely. The other party then wins and comes in believing it has a broad mandate for similarly sweep-

ing changes from the other ideological direction. This, in turn, leads it to being thrown out of power.

One key to this dynamic is the delusion that the party-in-power's unpopularity is synonymous with the opposing party's popularity.

But that's an illusion, created in part by the two-party system.

If you have a menu that only offers snails or tofu entrees, it doesn't mean that diners love tofu every time they get tired of snails.

There's a reason more Americans identify as independents (42%) than as Republicans (28%) or Democrats (28%), and why 60% of voters now want a new major party to provide an alternative.

Again, in a binary system, one side's unpopularity creates a mirage of popularity for the other party when in reality voters are merely expressing a preference for the lesser of two evils. In 2020, a majority of Americans voted against Donald Trump, but that doesn't necessarily mean they loved Joe Biden.

The Democrats are unpopular right now for reasons that have little to do with GOP popularity.

Inflation in general and high energy prices, in particular, are a toxic drag on

whichever party is in power. The Democrats' misreading of Biden's "mandate" — swinging for a new New Deal, for instance — wasn't some GOP masterstroke. It was an unforced error of their own making, perfectly consistent with this trend in American politics.

As a result, Biden's low approval ratings make it easy for Republicans to criticize and to run as symbols of discontent. This has given Republicans the misplaced confidence to indulge their worst base-pandering instincts on the assumption that their antics are why things look so good for them right now. They're like Ferris Bueller running to the front of the parade, thinking everyone is turning out for them, not the parade. Of course, Bueller's performance was harmless fun.

Meanwhile, the Texas GOP just voted to declare the 2020 election "illegitimate," to rebuke Sen. John Cornyn for negotiating a sensible and popular gun policy reform, and other political asininities. In the wake of two horrific mass shootings and amid justifiably heightened fears of political violence, Eric Greitens, Republican Senate candidate in Missouri, released a video in which he carries a gun and literally advocates for "hunting" GOP moderates. And,

of course, the GOP's collective reaction to the Jan. 6 House committee doesn't exactly suggest they're listening to anyone outside their echo chamber.

My favorite recent data point for the coming congressional clown show is an interview last week with Trump. Radio host Wayne Allyn Root suggested that Trump had endorsed Rep. Kevin McCarthy for House speaker if/when the Republicans take back the House. "No, I haven't," Trump replied. "No, I endorsed him in his race. But I haven't endorsed anybody for speaker."

And then, at Root's prompting, Trump left open the idea he should be speaker (the Constitution, some argue, allows a non-House member to hold the job).

Ignoring the preposterous proposition that Trump is the master of parliamentary procedure America needs, the larger point is that for all the Democrats' well-deserved problems there's no reason to believe that the country is poised for a new era of GOP control. That would require a GOP interested in governing for the long haul. And our parties don't do that anymore.

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Justices eroded 1st Amendment law

By Noah Feldman
Bloomberg Opinion

In an extremely important church-and-state decision, the Supreme Court has held that if the state of Maine decides to pay for a child's private education in lieu of a public one, it must allow its tuition money to be used at religious schools. The 6-3 decision, *Carson v. Makin*, profoundly undermines existing First Amendment law.

It represents the end of the centuries-old constitutional ban on direct state aid to the teaching of religion. And remarkably, it does all this in the name of religious liberty, giving the free-exercise clause of the First Amendment primacy over the establishment clause found in the exact same amendment.

The framers' conception of the two religion clauses of the First Amendment had two parts that fit together. The establishment clause meant the government couldn't make you perform a religious act or spend taxpayer dollars on religion. The free exercise clause said the government couldn't stop you from performing a religious act, understood as prayer or preaching or teaching or belief. (I wrote a book and several articles supporting this understanding of the history.)

For most of U.S. history, the Supreme Court enforced these clauses by, among other things, saying that the government could not fund the teaching of religion in religious schools. That principle was substantially undermined 20 years ago when the court held that states could fund religious education — including Catholic schools — indirectly via voucher programs that could be used at secular or religious private schools.

But until this week, the Supreme Court didn't go the next step, which has been sought by advocates of religious education ever since. It had never held that if the state pays for private secular education, it must — not may — also pay for religious education. The key case holding the line was a 2004 decision, *Locke v. Davey*. In that ruling, the court said that the state of Washington did not have to allow a student to use a state scholarship to pay for religious training in a religious institution.

The opinion by then-Chief Justice William Rehnquist said there was "play in the joints" between the two religion clauses. That meant the states could



The high court ruled Maine can't exclude religious schools from a program that offers tuition aid for private education. **BRANDON BELL/GETTY**

choose not to pay for religious education without the court saying that the choice amounted to a violation of the religious liberty of the person who wanted to get religious education paid for.

Chief Justice John Roberts has managed to keep the *Locke* case alive while weakening its play-in-the-joints theory. The way he did it was by holding, in two recent cases, that the state can choose not to fund a specific religious action, but cannot exclude an institution from getting government funds because of its religious character. The distinction is subtle, even Talmudic. But it saved Roberts from having to overturn the *Locke* precedent.

In the *Carson* case, Roberts never repudiated the play-in-the-joints idea. But even though he didn't reverse *Locke v. Davey*, he wrote an opinion under which the idea no longer makes much sense. Effectively, he overturned *Locke* without saying so.

The Maine law in question is applied so that the content of the religious education matters. The state won't allow tuition to go to a school if it is associated with a particular belief system and promotes that belief system by teaching it "through the lens of

faith." The analogy to the state of Washington's rule in *Locke v. Davey* is almost exact.

Roberts, however, characterized the Maine rule as discriminating against certain schools because of their "religious character." Such discrimination violates the free-exercise clause under the doctrine Roberts has developed. He held that Maine must therefore let its state tuition aid go to the religious schools.

In dissent, Justice Stephen Breyer pointed out that play-in-the-joints was now a thing of the past. "The court today nowhere mentions, and I fear effectively abandons, this longstanding doctrine," he wrote. And in a passage destined to be cited by future litigants, he raised the most worrisome prospect of what is coming next: Does the holding mean "that a school district that pays for public schools must pay equivalent funds to parents who wish to send their children to religious schools?"

If the answer to Breyer's question were to be yes, *Carson v. Makin* would be a sea change in how education is financed in the U.S. It would mean that states would have to fund Catholic schools, yeshivas and madrasas so long as the state pays for

public schools.

On its face, the *Carson* decision doesn't go that far. Maine's provision is relatively unusual, stemming from the rural nature of the state, where some towns can't afford their own schools.

But Breyer's worry is real. The next step for religious schools will be to demand universal funding. And since this was a 6-3 decision, Roberts' vote wouldn't be necessary to reach the radical, topsy-turvy conclusion that, under the free-exercise clause, states must pay for religious education.

In a separate dissent, Justice Sonia Sotomayor put it bluntly: "Today, the court leads us to a place where separation of church and state becomes a constitutional violation." She's right, or very nearly so.

Under the court's logic, for state government to avoid violating the establishment clause by refusing to fund religious teaching counts as a violation of the free-exercise clause. The framers would have been dumbfounded.

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Biden to make a risky — and pointless — trip in mid-July to Mideast

By Zev Chafets
Bloomberg Opinion

President Joe Biden has a politically risky itinerary for his scheduled trip to Israel, the West Bank and Saudi Arabia in mid-July. The question is, why he is doing this?

The tour is scheduled to begin in Jerusalem, where the president plans "to meet with Israelis leaders to discuss security, prosperity and increasing integration into the great region." All worthy topics, but not quite in sync with the moment.

On Monday, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett announced he is stepping down. According to the U.S. Embassy, Biden's visit is still on. When he arrives in Jerusalem, he will find a caretaker prime minister, Yair Lapid, and a government incapable of making major moves or decisions. Elections are scheduled for late October or early November. Biden will also meet with the opposition leader, former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who polls say is most likely to lead the next government.

His visit to the West Bank, where he plans to meet the head of the Palestinian Authority, is a controversy waiting to happen. No American president has ever visited the contested area before. The break from diplomatic precedent will be welcomed by the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah.

But the battle here is for the future, and there is no reason to suppose that a summer chat between Mahmoud Abbas and Biden will make much of a difference in the contours of the Holy Land.

Irrelevance abroad won't prevent the president's visit to the West Bank from becoming a talking point in America, with midterm congressional elections coming in November. Supporters and critics of Israel will argue over the departure from protocol. Biden may have concluded that this could be advantageous to his party.

I wouldn't presume to argue politics with the president, but most public opinion polls show the Democrats are facing a landslide defeat in the House for reasons that have nothing to do with the West Bank or the moribund "peace process," now going on for more than 55 years.

The last stop on the president's tour, in Saudi Arabia, is the one most likely to matter. Or maybe matter too much.

According to the White House, Biden will be meeting the leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council and additional Arab leaders from Egypt, Jordan and Iraq. The Saudi king, Salman bin Abdulaziz, will chair the gathering. The name of his son, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, was intentionally omitted from the announcement.

The White House notes that Saudi Arabia "has been a strategic partner of the

United States for nearly eight decades." That is mostly true, but it requires an asterisk when it comes to the Biden administration.

In 2018, Saudi agents in Istanbul carried out the assassination of Jamal Khashoggi, a longtime Saudi journalist turned Washington Post columnist. Khashoggi had many friends in the U.S. capital, and his murder became a cause celebre.

In his presidential campaign, Biden accused the crown prince of ordering the murder. MBS, as he is known, is the kingdom's defense minister, heir to the throne of his 86-year-old father and the current power behind it. Not incidentally, he was regarded as a close ally of Donald Trump's White House.

Biden vowed that, if elected, Saudi Arabia would pay a terrible price for murdering Khashoggi. He said he would end America's special relationship with Saudi Arabia and turn it into an "international pariah."

But it was a pledge he couldn't keep. The kingdom, whatever its sins and flaws, is too big, too energy-rich and too widely allied to be isolated and turned into a pariah by presidential fiat.

The White House announcement of the meeting in Riyadh was a smorgasbord of bland offerings: Support the truce in Yemen, regional economic and security cooperation, infrastructure and climate

initiatives; deter Iran; and advance human rights. Biden's actual motive is to persuade the Saudis to pump enough oil to lower gas prices in the U.S. before November. This will not happen without the acquiescence of Mohammed bin Salman.

The Saudi royal family is famous for its hospitality. MBS will not want a public scene. Biden's climb-down is already being choreographed.

Three days after the official American agenda was announced, he amended it. "I'm not going to meet with MBS," he told reporters. "I'm going to an international meeting, and he's going to be part of it."

Sure. Maybe the two men will bump into one another at the royal palace, shake hands and say "no hard feelings." More likely, the sulha will be accomplished in private. No matter, everyone will be aware that Biden came to the meeting as the supplicant of a prince young enough to be his grandson.

Biden's trip to the Middle East is still a few weeks off. There is no one to talk to in the Holy Land. There is no one he wants to talk to at the summit. He should find a way to make amends with MBS that doesn't require an almost 7,000-mile pilgrimage — and offer the kingdom an oil deal it can't refuse.

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evsefp@poweroptions.org

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Jason Casey
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OBITUARIES

Aubin, Cecille A. (Gagnon)



Cecille A. (Gagnon) Aubin, 103, of Leominster, MA, beloved wife of the late Roland Aubin (1977), passed away on Monday, June 20, 2022 after a short illness. Cecille lived an extraordinarily long, vibrant life and was most happy when she was surrounded by her immediate and extended family. Cecille was born in Fall River, MA - the youngest of five children. She, her parents and her siblings relocated to Hartford, CT. One by one, the siblings married and moved from Hartford. They all settled on Pleasant Valley Road, an appropriately named street in South Windsor, CT. Cecille and Roland, her siblings, a cousin and their families lived as neighbors on this street, enjoying full and happy lives as an extended family for many years. She loved being a mother and was an exceptional cook and baker, skills whose by-products were often additional tokens of affection to those she loved. After her husband Roland's passing, Cecille spent 12 years joyfully living with her eldest daughter Germaine and her family in Townsend, Massachusetts. Living in the home of this active loving family seemed to be an elixir to Cecille, enjoying travel and new close friendships in her new town. After many years, Cecille relocated to Wapping Mews senior housing in South Windsor, CT, which was designed by her husband. She also resided at The Joseph House Senior Housing in Fitchburg and Sunrise of Leominster assisted living. Cecille and Roland were an extremely devout Roman Catholic couple, both found a renewed spark in their marriage when they became involved with Marriage Encounter. After her husband's untimely death, Cecille continued on as an ordained Eucharistic Minister in the Catholic church and became a proud member of the Secular Franciscan Order. Cecille was an active parishioner of Holy Family of Nazareth in Leominster, St. John's in Townsend, and St. Francis of Assisi in South Windsor. Cecille had a unique and warm nature that touched everyone she met. Few who met Cecille left those encounters unaffected by her light. As her great-grandson Nicholas described her: "She was remarkable until the very end." She is survived by her daughter Germaine McCool, her son Richard Aubin and his wife Susan and her daughter-in-law Beverly Aubin. Cecille had six grandchildren: Angela Ceppetelli (Joseph), John McCool (Deborah), Norm Aubin Jr. (Tina), Theresa Faulkner (Brian), Justin Aubin (Carrie) and Rebecca Radcliffe (Randy); ten great-grandchildren: Mark, Maria, Nicholas, Alex, Makenzie, Olivia (Dean), Emily, Zachary, Shelby & Luke, and several nieces, nephews, and extended family. She was predeceased by her son Normand Aubin, Sr. Her family will receive friends for calling hours on Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road, South Windsor, CT. Family and friends may gather at the funeral home on Monday, June 27th at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 673 Ellington Road, South Windsor. Burial will follow in Wapping Cemetery, South Windsor. Memorial donations in Cecille's memory may be made to: Secular Franciscan Order, Claudia Kauzlarich, National Treasurer, 2007 Maverick Trail, Harrisonville, MO 64701 or Holy Family of Nazareth Church, 750 Union St, Leominster, MA 01453. For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Casey, Bonnie Griswold



Bonnie Griswold Casey, 40, of Augusta, Maine, passed away unexpectedly at home on Friday, June 17, 2022. Born in Hartford on June 15, 1982, she was the beloved daughter of Gary Newton Griswold and Sue of Marlborough, CT and Louise Alice (Cyr) Griswold of Wethersfield, CT. Bonnie grew up in Wethersfield and graduated from Wethersfield High School in 2000. Her passions were arts and crafts and making anything out of nothing. She was a great seamstress and enjoyed cooking in the kitchen. In addition to her parents, Bonnie is survived by her cherished daughter, Haylie Rae Casey of Farmington, CT; her sister Melissa Drake and husband Jeremy and their children Evan and Chloe of Farmington, ME; Bonnie's twin sister, Alyson Ferguson and son Ames of Farmington, CT and his dad, Adam Ferguson of Cromwell, CT; her brother, Thomas Griswold of Strong, ME; her grandmother, Marcia Griswold of Wethersfield, CT, as well as many extended family members and friends. The family welcomes relatives and friends for visitation hours on Friday, June 24th from 4-7 p.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield. The funeral service will be Saturday, June 25 at 10 a.m. at the First Church of Christ, 250 Main Street, Wethersfield. Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church. Burial in Village Cemetery will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bonnie's memory may be made to the Institute of Living, 200 Retreat Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106. To share a memory of Bonnie with her family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Flynn, Jr., Edward L.

Edward L. Flynn, Jr., 87, of Wethersfield and Old Saybrook, passed away on June 17, 2022 at St. Raphael Hospital after sustaining injuries from an incident. Edward was the son of Edward L. Flynn, Sr. and Jessie (Rhode) Flynn. He was a devoted husband of 66 years to his wife, Jacquelyn (Emonds) Flynn who predeceased him from COVID19. He is survived by his loving daughter and caregiver Lee-Ann Flynn of Old Saybrook. Ed enjoyed his daily, standing 11 o'clock visits with his daughter. The two of them shared an incredible bond as they grieved Jackie coping through the pandemic... all they needed was hope, and for that they had each other. He is also survived by a son Jeff (Peggy) and grandchildren, Nick and Lisa. His granddogs, Misha and Max, proved to be all the medicine he ever needed and provided him with much joy! Edward had beaten COVID and had been living with, what he referred to as "the trifecta"—congestive heart failure, Parkinson's disease, and skin cancer. He never complained and overcame his obstacles with determination and grace. Ironically, it wasn't any of the aforementioned conditions that claimed his life. Ed was born December 5, 1934 in East Hartford, but moved to Old Wethersfield/Wethersfield where he lived for 80 years. His love for the water came from living next to The Cove. He got his first boat at 8 years old and loved to share stories of the adventures he had throughout his youth. He was a 1952 graduate of Wethersfield High School where he was a star on the soccer field. He went on to serve in the Army National Guard. Edward's fun spirit and quick wit served him well in his career as a salesman. He started out in the boat business working for the Weston Jenks and A. T. Howe companies. He moved on to Baumert Sales where he spent 41 years selling White, GMC, and Volvo trucks. He earned the Master Sales Leader Award two times. He quietly accepted each honor as "simply doing his job". Ed and his family summured in Indian Town in Old Saybrook. He served on the ITA Board of Directors for over 20 years as head of security and social director. He earned the Bill Edgerton Service Award for his years of giving back to the community he loved. Ed and Jackie were communicants of Corpus Christi Church in Wethersfield where they attended daily mass for decades. When Ed became ill, he and Jackie moved into an area nursing home together. Ed quickly made himself part of the community. He became the Vice President and President of the Residents' Council. His cheery disposition brightened everyone's day. He kept active right until the end. Regardless of how busy his day was, Ed always made time to spend with his family. He came home every day throughout his career to take his wife out to lunch. He never missed one of his children's activities. He made it to every sporting event, recital, chaperoned field trips, and coached little league. His work ethic and commitment to his family are his legacy. During his spare time, when he wasn't out on a boat, Ed loved watching the Red Sox. When they won the World Series for the fourth time in his lifetime, Ed said that he could die a happy man! Ed's life was celebrated at a private service per his request with full military honors. Ed's high school yearbook quote read, "Ed Flynn leaves wise cracking!" Truer words were never spoken. Give 'em hell in Heaven, Dad!

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McKay, Donald



Donald McKay, 95, of Wethersfield, CT, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2022. Born Sept 6, 1926 to Dorothy Milne McKay and Peter Spence McKay in Ladysmith, Vancouver Island, BC, Canada. (He had one older brother Peter Spence McKay) As a youth he excelled at basketball and soccer, was taught by his father to become a master baker, and learned piano well enough to join a Swing band. He graduated from high school in 1944 as athlete of the year. He then graduated with a BA in 1948 from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. He became a member of the Officer's Training Corp. toward the end of WWII. In those few years, he lost both his parents and had to take over running the family bakery. He sold the business in 1950 and went to work for Comox Logging Co. for a summer. That job left him with just enough funding to get himself to Queens University Medical School in Belfast, N. Ireland which he attended from 1951 to 1956. During his time in medical school, he helped organize the Queens basketball team which played throughout the UK. He also met and married his first wife Kathleen McDermott McKay on June 23, 1956 in Ireland. He then relocated to the US and completed a surgical residency at New Britain General Hospital in New Britain, CT from 1956 to 1961. In 1961 he started a general surgery practice at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, CT where he settled to raise his family of five children. (He practiced surgery here for the next 50 years and fully retired at age 84)He helped organize and develop the physician owned office buildings on Saybrook Rd, Middletown , CT and the Middletown Surgical Group, P.C.

Donald enjoyed simple pleasures and a good sense of humor. He was an avid reader with a penchant for history and an incredible memory to match even into his 90's. For many years farming was his true love. He lived with his second wife Antonina Siecienski McKay on 30 acres in Cromwell where he raised two more children. He enjoyed raising pigs, chickens, and a few horses. He was very proud of his strawberry farm and plowing the fields with his tractor. His first granddaughter Ashley, nicknamed him Grampa Duck (Donald Mc had a farm?) and it stuck. He loved his family and is survived by his children; Patricia A. McKay of East Hampton, CT, Peter S. McKay (Kendall Cote), Heather Fillion (James Fillion), Christine M Morrisette (Jeff Morrisette) all of Waterford, CT, Jonathan S McKay (Michelle McKay) of South Hero, VT, Lena Begin (Pierre Begin) of Seattle, WA and Marc McKay of Wethersfield, CT. As well as 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren with two more on the way.

A service for friends and family will be held at 11am Thursday June 23rd at Pequot Chapel, 857 Montauk Ave, New London, CT with a private family burial to follow. In lieu of flowers please send donations to: hope4raptors@yahoo.com A Place Called Hope - Birds of Prey.

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Andreana, Eloise I



Our beloved, mother, grandmother (Grand El), sister, aunt, and friend was just 76 years old when she left our world and ventured into the one beyond. Eloise was known as the brave one, as her younger sister Sugie (Fredrick) described her, she was daring and not afraid of anything. She was born and lived in Guam until she met her husband Robert Andreana (D1976) who was an officer stationed there in the Navy. They married in San Francisco on their way back to his home in CT when she was 19 years old and has resided there ever since. While she enjoyed New England we all knew that she always wanted to move to a warmer climate and she would remind us of that fact every winter...

Eloise had a knack for seemingly taking everything in stride and did her very best to provide for her family when they were young, her son's Bob (Jackie), Jeff, (D2018), and daughter, Heather (Rob). She definitely had a unique approach to motherhood and we often wondered who was raising who :). The one thing she always displayed was unconditional love for her family. She was a fun person, singing and dancing, the mashed potato dance being her favorite. Her humor was unique, sometimes we would all laugh with her, but either way, she would still crack up at her own jokes.

El would make you feel good, whenever you walked into the room she would say, "here she/he comes to save the day". On the other hand, if you made her angry she might tell you to "go pound sand" or "act your age, not your shoe size". Her advice was on point, she could cut through the fat and get to the root of the problem easily. Recently, a friend recounted that she bestowed upon them this piece of advice; "happiness is not guaranteed, you have to choose to make yourself happy". Eloise spoke the truth, even if you didn't want to hear it, and always pointed out that you didn't have to lower yourself to someone else's level and that it was up to you to make what you wanted out of the circumstances you were in, that they didn't define you.

Grand El is survived by her loving grandchildren, Bobby, Mackenzie, Finn, and Nolan, her sister Sugie, as well as many nieces and nephews. She is now reunited with her beloved son Jeffrey and granddaughter Lisa Marie (D2016). Of course, there is relief that she is now with her cherished Pomeranian dogs, Little Bit and Hank, probably feeding them bacon and filet mignon, as she did when they were living!

Everyone who remembers her is asked to celebrate her life in their own way, raising a glass of their favorite drink (hers was wine), in her memory would be quite appropriate. The ceremony will be private but the family hopes that you will do an unexpected and unsolicited act of kindness for someone in need in her name.

-We are all blessed

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Klocker, Jr, Carlton L.

East Lyme- Carlton L. Klocker, Jr. of East Lyme, passed away on June 19, 2022 and was pre-deceased by his wife in March of 2014.

He was born in 1928 to Emily and Carlton Klocker of New Britain. He attended New Britain Schools and graduated from New Britain H.S. In 1946 after serving two years in the U.S. Army he attended Arnold College and received a B.S. Degree.

In 1951, he married Nancy Britting from Milford and they celebrated their 62nd anniversary in August 2013.

In 1952, he started his teaching in Virginia at Clarksville H.S. and then Blustone H.S. He served as Athletic Director, Football, and Baseball Coach at both schools. In 1957, he began a 37 year stay at Waterford H.S., Waterford, CT. Through the years, he taught Biology, Anatomy, and Psychology, and was Science Dept. Chairman. He also taught an Education Class at Connecticut College for many years. In addition to education Mr. Klocker was an avid fisherman and active in the Auction Business with Dean Moor Auctions and his own Connecticut River Auction Co. Nancy and Carl Klocker lived in several communities throughout the years including Clarksville, VA and Old Saybrook, Lyme, East Haddam, and East Lyme, all in Connecticut. Thomas L. Neilan & Sons East Lyme Funeral Home is charge of arrangements, which are private.

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Myers, Elene M.



Elene M. Myers, 93, of Bristol, passed away peacefully on June 18, 2022, surrounded by her family. Elene was born on May 28, 1929 in Carbondale, PA, the daughter of the late Morgan Wm. and Reva (Goodfellow) Jenkins. Always an independent spirit, Elene followed her high school sweetheart, Thomas F. Myers, from Carbondale to CT for a "vacation" at the tender age of 18. Deciding to remain in CT, she lived with friends and worked at Ingrahams before marrying Tom in 1949. Together they settled in Bristol and raised their family in the home in which they lived together throughout their 66 years of marriage. The ultimate hostess, Elene loved to entertain, nurturing those she loved through her cooking and baking. Friday nights at the Myers' was a regular event, hosting friends and family from near and far. Her most favorite recipes were memorialized by her granddaughter in the "Myers Family Cookbook". A woman of great faith, she was active in her church and for many years played the piano and organ on Sunday mornings, often providing accompaniment for her husband's solos.

Elene is survived by her children Sherelyn Labowski and her husband, Ted, and Thomas S. Myers and his wife, Lisa Reducha; her grandchildren Thomas R. Myers and his wife, Alexa, Katherine Myers, and Alasia and Jesse Griebel; her precious great-grandsons, James and Colin Myers; and many loving nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas F. Myers, her son, Richard D. Myers, her brother, Morgan Wm. Jenkins, Jr. and sisters-in-law, Florence Jenkins and Lynne Jenkins, a brother-in-law, Henry Myers and sister-in-law, Joan Myers Graham, and a sister-in-law, Effie Finney.

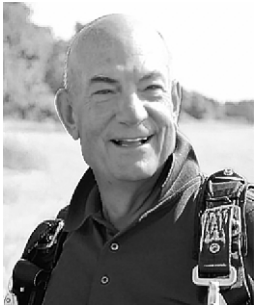
The family would like to thank Nana, Rose, Josephine and Yaa, Mom's live-in caregivers, whose compassionate care allowed her to stay in her home as long as possible. Thanks as well to the staff at West Hartford Health and Rehabilitation, including Prince, Pearl, Maria, Sharon, and many others, for their outstanding care of Mom during her time there and her final days. Finally, thanks to Kathi M. and Karen, Hartford Healthcare Hospice volunteers who took time to visit with Mom each week. Everyone who provided loving care for Mom are truly angels on earth. Friends and family are invited to calling hours on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 8:30-10:30AM at O'Brien Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Ave., Bristol, followed by a Memorial Service at 11:00AM at Asbury United Methodist Church, 90 Church Ave., Bristol. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Asbury United Methodist Church, 90 Church Ave. Bristol, CT 06010. Please share a memory of Elene with her family in the online guestbook at www.Obrien-FuneralHome.com



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Lariviere, Lawrence



Lawrence “Larry” Lewis Lariviere, 76, of Westbrook passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 19, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. Larry is survived by the love of his life, Joanne, his wife of 48 years, his brother Roger “Bill” and sister Linda. He was the greatest dad and role model to his three children, KathyJo Campbell and her husband Michael; Matthew and his wife Lauren; Michael and his wife Kristin; as well as the best “Grampy” to his six grandchildren, Julia, Avery, Michael, Beckett, Olive, and Landon. He is also survived by several close cousins, nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, 34 Main Street in Centerbrook on Monday, June 27, 2022 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 10:00AM at Saint Mark the Evangelist Church, 222 McVeagh Road in Westbrook. Burial will follow with the rendering of Full Military Honors in the Resurrection Cemetery, Route 145 in Westbrook. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Larry’s name to the Westbrook Foundation Inc, P.O. Box 528, Westbrook, CT 06498. To share a memory of Larry or send a condolence to his family please visit www.rwwfh.com.

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Nowak, Richard F.



Richard F. Nowak, 65, a life-long resident of Wethersfield, beloved long time companion of Maryann Basile, died Saturday (June 18, 2022) in Hartford Hospital after a courageous year long battle with cancer. Born October 18, 1956 in Hartford, he was the son of the late Joseph J. and Susanne M. (Servansky) Nowak. Rick was a faithful communicant of Christ the King Parish, Wethersfield. He was a 1974 graduate of Wethersfield High School and enrolled in Goodwin Tech for electrical training in order to obtain an E1 license. After a brief stint with Kaman Aircraft, he was employed by R.M. Bradley and Co. eventually becoming Assistant Vice President and Chief Electrician and a core member of the company. He supervised services at Hartford’s Gold Building for 35 years and then at the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch for 6 years. Rick was an avid gardener who enjoyed sharing his abundant vegetable crops with everyone. Tinkering with all types of motors and gadgets especially farm equipment was “in his wheelhouse.” Always ready to help out about fixing things and construction projects, he was everyone’s “go to” guy for advice. His pride and joy was the renovation of his farmhouse and barns. Baling hay annually was a special hobby. Rick and Maryann enjoyed traveling, especially cruising, which brought them to the Caribbean, Hawaii, Europe, Russia, Morocco, and visiting national historical places around the US. He enjoyed time at the beach and skiing, playing disco music while working around the farm and collecting antique memorabilia. His large collection of milk bottles from all over the region was enviable. Rick always had a smile on his face or a joke to tell and he will be dearly missed by his family and many friends. Besides Maryann, he is survived by his sister Elaine Guida and husband Peter of Wethersfield and his twin brother Ronald Nowak and wife Louise of Columbia, his nephews, nieces, cousins and goddaughters. He was predeceased by a sister, Carol Nowak. Relatives and friends are requested to gather Saturday, June 25th, at 11:15 a.m. in the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield for a Mass of Christian Burial. Immediately following, his ashes will be buried with his parents in Village Cemetery, Wethersfield. Calling hours are Friday, June 24th from 4-7 p.m. at the D’Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield. According to his wishes, donations may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. To share a memory of Rick with his family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Olshesky, Sophia "Sunny"



Sophia “Sunny” Olshesky passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 18, 2022 after a long decline due to dementia, and a recent partial hip replacement which she was slowly recovering from, and then took a turn for the worse. Sophia was born in Columbia, CT on September 25, 1923 to the late John Szegda and Karolina Kendzior Szegda. Sunny was predeceased her husband John J. Olshesky in 2012. John & Sophia met at a dance at the Polish National Home in Hartford, CT, and were married October 3, 1953. They shared a remarkable marriage that lasted for 59 years. At the time she met John she was a bank employee of Willimantic Bank and Trust. Sophia was a kind, caring and compassionate person. She spent her entire life making others feel loved and welcome. Alzheimer’s may have taken Mom’s memory but it did not change the loving and gentle person she was. She loved to make the world a more beautiful place by growing flowers, sewing, embroidery, quilting, nature walks, feeding the birds and quilting. Sophia and John were also avid duplicate bridge players for many, many years. Sophia leaves two daughters, Janice M. Olshesky, a Registered Architect and business owner in Alexandria, VA and Lauren M. Olshesky, a Registered Nurse in CT and her husband John Sobanik. Sophia was predeceased by her two brothers Joseph Szegda and wife Laura, Johnny Szegda and his wife Jeannette and sister Mary Szegda Thompson and her husband James. She also leaves behind nephew Joesph Paul Szegda, her Godson, and his family, nephew Richard Szegda and his wife Violet and family, nephew Ron Szegda and family, niece Jane Szegda Luthi and her husband Charlie and family, niece Judy Szegda Ortiz and Tom and their families, and nephew Robert Szegda and wife Fran and family. Sophia was an avid reader and enjoyed the resources of the Cragin Library for many years. Those who wish to make a donation in her memory can contribute to the Friends of Cragin Library, P.O. Box 68, Colchester, CT 06415 or to Connecticut College Arboretum, Caroline Black Garden. The family wants to extend special gratitude to Kelly Bradway for her thoughtful, compassionate care of Sunny during the last 10 years of her life. And to caregivers Mandy Baiden, Mavis Asaomah & Joyce Awuah. We are also very grateful to the staff at Saybrook at Haddam and Burke Health and the amazing staff at Capital Caring Hospice. And to Nelofar and Faustina who kindly cared for Mom 7 days a week for the past 2 months in Virginia. Services will be on Friday, June 24th. Care of the arrangements has been entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester. www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com

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Garbeck, Maryann



Maryann Garbeck, age 81 of Granby, formerly of Manchester and Hartford, passed away peacefully on Sunday June 19th with her family by her side. She was a graduate of Hartford Public High School, began her career at Travelers and soon after accepted opportunities as a lead teller for several banking institutions. Maryann liked the simple things in life! She was known as an avid bowler, bingo player, a New York Yankee and UCONN fan, a top notch baker of home made Italian cookies and her famous pepperoni bread, but most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family. Preceded in death by her mother Mary Nogas and her husband Michael P. Garbeck Sr. Michael was the love of her life and they celebrated 45 years of marriage together. Maryann also had two sisters, Alice Robitaille, who also preceded her in death and her husband Cliff Robitaille who currently resides in Cromwell. Her baby sister Sandy Hatcher and her husband Tim Hatcher also reside in Cromwell. Both sisters and their families gave Maryann the perfect opportunity to become a fun loving God-Mother and Aunt. Maryann leaves behind her son Mike Garbeck Jr. and his wife Elise Garbeck of North Granby, along with their children Bella Garbeck, Jason Abate, and his fiancé Carli Mazzarella. Maryann will truly be missed. Her love, support and kindness put her in a league of her own and she will never be forgotten. Maryann has requested private services and celebrations of her life. The family has scheduled a public mass for friends at St. Therese Church in Granby on July 24th at 11 am. If desired, family and friends may make contributions towards a baseball memorial in Maryann and her late husband’s name that will be located in Granby. Donations can be sent to “The Maryann P. Garbeck Memorial Fund” at Windsor Federal Bank located at 21 Hartford Avenue in Granby, CT. Condolences can also be sent to the family through Facebook and Instagram. The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the Granby Police Department and Granby Ambulance Association for the wonderful help and care they provided to not only Maryann, but the entire Granby community. The Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home of Granby has care of the arrangements. For condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Kelly, Garrett Keane



Garrett Keane Kelly, 51, of Wrentham, MA, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday, June 18, 2022 while spending the day with his family and friends. He was the beloved husband of Jennifer (Sheetz) Kelly and father to Audrey, Laurel and Annabella (Bells). Born on November 20th, 1970 in Lowell, MA, son of Rosemary (Plunkett) Kelly and the late Thomas K. Kelly. Garrett was raised in East Granby, CT and graduated from East Granby High School. He was a varsity soccer and basketball player – earning the name “the Terminator” on the field. After high school he went onto major in Finance at Bryant University where he was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma. He was a Vice President for Fidelity Investments where he worked for over 26 years. Garrett was passionate about his family and never missed an opportunity to spend time with his girls. He was actively involved in all sports activities, coaching soccer teams and never missed a soccer, basketball, volleyball, softball, or lacrosse game. He, his wife and daughters were proud of their Catholic faith and that showed through their kindness and generosity. He will be remembered as an incredible grill and smoke master. He loved hosting his family and friends, his motto being the more the merrier. In the midst of any fun event, he could be heard planning the next. He always loved a quick pick-up basketball game with his nieces and nephews – often schooling those 25 years his junior. He was known by his family as Captain Christmas for his contagious spirit and festive decorations which included three giant Christmas trees. His incredible wit and intellect helped family and friends through challenging circumstances and will be greatly missed. His infectious smile and energy lit up the lives of so many every time they saw him. Besides his wife, children and mother, he is survived by his brother, Thomas Kelly and his wife Abby of West Simsbury, CT; and his sisters, Christine Gallagher (Gregory) of East Granby, CT; and Jennifer Kelly (Michael) of London, England. He also leaves many nieces and nephews whom he adored, Aidan, Declan, Emmett, Claire, TJ, Adam, Danny, Mackenzie, Sam, Hadley, Aubrey, Jake, Gwen and Allie. His family will receive friends on June 24th from 4-7 PM in the O’Neill Funeral Home, 3102 Mendon Road, Cumberland. Family and friends may gather on Saturday June 25th at 10 AM for a Christian Funeral Mass at Saint John Vianney Church, 3609 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland. The burial will be private at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Wrentham Food Pantry, P.O. Box 657, Wrentham, MA 02093. For online condolences please visit: www.oneillfuneralhomes.com

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Naples, MaryAnn (Biskupiak)



MaryAnn (Biskupiak) Naples, 86, of Avon, widow of the love of her life, Angelo Joseph Naples, passed away unexpectedly, Saturday, June 18, 2022. She was born December 7, 1935 in Newtoning, daughter of the late Albert William and Sophia (Juchniewicz) Biskupiak and had lived in Kensington prior to moving to Avon 25 years ago. She was a member of the Church of Saint Ann in Avon. MaryAnn enjoyed taking walks with her friends, gardening her beautiful flower beds, reading a good book with a cup of tea, and most of all spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She is survived by her children, Doreen Dougherty and husband Mark of Simsbury, Angelo Naples and wife Linda of Wolcott, Debra Lenihan and husband Timothy of Granby and David Naples and wife Samantha of Simsbury; her sister, Florence Kruvka of Berlin; her beloved grandchildren, Sean and his wife Mary, Caitlin and Kyle Dougherty, Angelo “AJ”, Matthew and Daniel Naples, Jason and Amy Lenihan and David, Noah and Luca Naples; her great grandson, Christopher Dougherty and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Albert Bishop and two sisters, Eleanor Bogoslofski and Sophie Gagne. Visitation will be held at the Vincent Funeral Home, 120 Albany Turnpike in Canton on Friday, June 24th from 8:30 AM to 10:15 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, 11:00 AM at the Church of Saint Ann, 289 Arch Road in Avon. Burial will follow in St. Ann’s Cemetery in Avon. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the CFF CT Chapter, 101 Centerpoint Dr Ste 107, Middletown, CT 06457-7568. Please visit MaryAnn’s Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Kulicki, Wanda



Wanda Kulicki of Wethersfield passed away peacefully on Friday, January 28, 2022, in Simsbury, Connecticut. Born in Lwow, Poland on November 18, 1932, daughter of the late Jozef and Jozefa Czmyruk-Czartorynski. She is survived by her devoted sons, Andrzej Kulicki and wife Sally of Phoenix, AZ, Dr. Leonard Kulicki and wife Jennifer of Weatogue, CT, and their children, her adored grandchildren, Alexander and Ella; as well as extended family in Poland and many dear friends. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Roman Kulicki; and her sister, Halina Kwiatkowski. Wanda was 7 when Germany invaded and occupied Poland in September 1939 during WWII. Wanda, her mother and sister Halina witnessed incredible changes to their world during that time, being deported to camps as slave laborers. In spite of the horrific experience in the camps, she somehow retained her ability to be a loving and forgiving person with a great sense of humor. At the end of WWII, they emigrated to the United States, first to New York, later settling in Hartford and then Wethersfield. Wanda was a faithful communicant of SS. Cyril & Methodius Church in Hartford and lifetime member of the Polonia-Paderewski Choir in New Britain. Throughout her life she enjoyed traveling to visit family and friends in the USA, Canada, Poland, Australia & South America. Wanda lived a full life as a wonderful mother, homemaker and worker in the business of Insurance. Wanda Kulicki will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated on Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m., at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, 61 Popieluszko Court, Hartford. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Memorial donations may be made to the Ladies Guild FR. Edward Zyskowski Scholarship Fund. Donations can be sent to the SS. Cyril & Methodius Ladies Guild, FR. Edward Zyskowski Scholarship Fund, c/o Ms. Virginia Pudlo, Chair, 33 Worthington Road, Glastonbury, CT 06033-1372. Waszkelewicz South Green Memorial Home in Hartford has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Levesque , Stephen R.



Stephen Richard Levesque, age 50, of East Hartford, CT passed away peacefully on June 13, 2022. Born on October 7, 1971, he was a lifelong resident of East Hartford. Stephen is survived by his loving parents, Gaston and Lucille Levesque and his devoted sister Lisa Levesque (Gigi), all of East Hartford. He also leaves behind to cherish his memory Aunt Claudette Simard of East Hartford, CT, Uncle Maurice and Aunt Ethel his Godparents, of Canada, many cousins and his beloved 4-legged companion Kylo. Stephen had so many friends (too numerous to mention) and extended family members, who will forever miss his infectious smile, laugh and kind-hearted soul, gone way too young from this earth. An avid lover of skill-based video games, and frequent host of such parties, he was considered a true electronic athlete. Stephen also loved to dance. If there was a party or wedding he attended, the minute the music began, Stephen was on the dance floor...always entertaining. He began his career at The Hartford in 1995. As companies changed and merged, Stephen moved on to Mass Mutual and lastly Empower Retirement LLC. Stephen was great at his job and admired for his insight on so many things. The family wishes to thank the staff of Smilow Cancer Hospital at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, for their wonderful care and compassion during Stephen’s stay. His parents and sister also wish to thank so many friends and extended family for their support and love through Stephen’s battle with brain cancer. A hard road for any of us to travel. Calling hours for Stephen will be held Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108, followed by a Funeral Home Service at 12:00 PM. The family has requested all in attendance wear Masks. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.NewkirkandWhitney.com for the Levesque family. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a memorial donation in Stephen’s name be made to the American Cancer Society (CT), PO Box 280285, East Hartford, CT 06108 or New England Lab Rescue Inc., PO Box 58, Limerick, ME 04048

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Lessard, Claude



Claude Lessard died Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at UMass Hospital after a short illness. His sons, Steve, Mike and wife Suzanne were at his side as he passed peacefully. Claude of Hardwick MA, was born March 31, 1941, in St. Ephrem de Beauce Canada, the son of the late Côte and Alice Lessard. He married Hélène Trépanier on October 5, 1963. Hélène passed away on September 7, 1997. He was fortunate to meet and marry Suzanne Blais of Hardwick, his best friend and ray of sunshine to the family. He was preceded in death by his brother, Roger who passed away at the age of two. Survived by his sons, Steve Lessard (Susan Hall) and Michael Lessard (Megan Leonard); grandchildren, Cameron, Justen Helene, and Luke; stepdaughters; Julie Quink and Linda Papineau; step grandchildren, Isabella, Aaron, Jasper, Brooke and Emily; brothers Michel, (Diane) Gérard, (Sylvie) Bernard, (Jocelyne) Jean- Yves (Marcelle) and sisters Micheline, (Donald) Christiane, (Benoit) and many nephews and nieces. Claude left school at a young age to work on the family farm in St. Ephrem that produced dairy and maple syrup. It was there that he learned a strong work ethic and the skills that would lead him to work in Maine as a logger. His limited education did not stop him from being a successful worker and businessman. Eventually he moved to Connecticut where he raised his family and became a sheet rocker. After twelve years of hard work he became a Superintendent in commercial dry-wall. In 1992, he and his sons formed Delta Commercial Interiors, still retaining many of the original employees after 30 years, all of which admired Claude’s work ethic and his appreciation for his workers. Claude was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed being on the water, fishing with his sons, golfing, gardening and spending time with his family. A wake will be held at Thomas L. Neilan and Sons East Lyme Funeral Home, 48 Grand St., in Niantic, on Friday June 24th from 5:00 to 7:30. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to St. Jude Children’s research Hospital. Condolences may be shared at www.neilanfuneralhome.com.

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Burriack, Marjorie (Silver)



Marjorie Burriack, of Southbury, CT, passed away unexpectedly, yet peacefully, on Friday, June 10, 2022, at the age of 88. Marjorie was born in Flushing, NY on December 3, 1933, to parents Elmer and Helen Silver and was the youngest of two beautiful girls. Predeceased by her parents and her older sister Carolyn Becker (husband Arthur “Bud” Becker), she is survived by her loving husband Stuart Rapp, and her two daughters from a previous marriage to William S Burriack: Gillian Burriack of Fairport, NY, and Stephanie Burriack of Long Island, NY. She is also survived by her two stepchildren Richard Rapp of South Windsor, CT (Lynn Rapp, sons Ben, Evan; stepsons Mike, Sam), Annie Rapp of Forest Knolls, CA (partner David, sons Austin and Alden), and pre-deceased by stepson Daniel Rapp (wife Julie, son Nathan). Marjorie had treasured relationships with her sisters-in-law, Nancy Utt (Ronnie), and Sarah Garbe (Gunther, deceased), in addition to many nieces and nephews: Susan Becker, Robyn Ide (Chris), Peter Becker (Kathy), Claudia Bach (Walter), Valerie Conklin (John), Peter Burriack, Gregory Davis (pre- deceased), Alex Burriack (pre-deceased), and many great nieces and nephews: Courtney, Casey, Graham, Meg, Brittany, Kelly.

Marjorie lived a life that was extraordinarily full. She approached every day with genuine curiosity, grace, love...and a true zest for travel and adventure! Her relationships and friendships, both old and new, were at the core of what made her the exceptional human she was. Many lifelong friendships began during her time in school at the Abbot Academy for Girls and Wells College. The value of friendships is what she imparted, especially on her two girls, and the depth they add to the enjoyment of life. She shared adventures all over the world throughout the UK, Europe and South Africa, with her favorite US spots in Santa Fe, Gloucester, Amagansett, and Maine. In her heart, the UK was her second home, spending several years working in London after she graduated college, leading to what began as an enduring “love affair” with the Country, the culture, and the cherished friends she made.

Marjorie loved to give back to the community and was extremely involved with her family through sports and music. She filled her “resume” as a Girl Scout leader, school board member, a gun starter for high school swimming, and a shuttle driver for daily swim practices and music lessons for over 15 yrs. She was a fierce competitor in local Bridge circles wherever she could find a foursome, in addition to being a highly skilled knitter, whipping out her infamous fair isle sweaters blindfolded if need be! Closest to her heart though was her love of antique linens. In her early 50’s, she built her own business, The Linen Ladies. Marjorie grew and maintained this business for over 30 years, becoming a highly reputable and sought-after speaker and contributor at fine antique shows across the country. Marjorie’s joy was never so radiant as it was after re-connecting with her soul-mate and best friend, Stuart. Friends since they were in their teens, their lives went separate ways over the years. Never to be too far apart, they found their way back to each other to enjoy nearly a 30-year marriage. After marrying in 1994, they relocated to Bethel, CT where they established deep roots in the community. Through Stu’s fellowship at the Bridgewater Congregational Church, Marjorie quickly expanded her close circle of friendships. She found immense joy in having grandchildren through her stepsons and stepdaughter and loved spending time together as an extended family over holidays both at Hoyt Hall in Bethel, and the Rapp family home in Gilead. Profoundly deaf over the last decade, she refused to sit back. She adapted quickly to her “smart phone”, mastered voice texting, email and FaceTime, and fully embraced Facebook to keep connected to family and friends. Marjorie, Marge, Margie, Mom...stayed relevant and relatable and enjoyed the generational differences that came with a life of over 88 years. Her smile, her laugh, love of life and friendship will be genuinely missed by all who knew her.

A Celebration of Life will be Sunday, June 26 at 2PM, at Bridgewater Congregational Church, 10 Clapboard Rd, Bridgewater, CT 06752. A reception will be held following the service in the Fellowship Hall and all are welcome to join.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to:

The Wells College Fund
www.alumni.wells.edu
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www.humanesociety.org
Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
www.the3day.org/site/TR/2022/SanDiegoEvent2022?px=5626334&pg=personal &fr_id=2163

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Jalbert, Real "Frenchy"



GRANITEVILLE VT.- Real “Frenchy” Jalbert, 89, of Graniteville, Vt. beloved husband for 65 years to Lucille Jalbert, passed away on Monday June 20, 2022, at the Central Vermont Medical Center with his family by his side. A Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Frenchy’s life will be held on June 27, 2022, at 2pm in the St. Monica Church in Barre. Burial will follow at St. Sylvester’s Cemetery in Lower Websterville Vermont. Calling hours for friends and family will be held on Sunday, June 26 from 3pm to 6pm at the Pruneau-Polli Funeral Home, 58 Summer Street in Barre VT. Extra parking is available across the street in the St. Monica Church parking lot. To review Frenchy’s entire obituary please visit the following web page:

www.pruneaupollifuneralhome.com
Arrangements are in the care of the Pruneau-Polli Funeral Home, 58 Summer St. in Barre Vt,

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Tewksbury , Jon M.



Jon M. Tewksbury, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, went to be with the Lord on June 18, 2022. He was born in Hartford, CT on July 19, 1946, son of the late Wesley and Anna Mae (Wrin) Tewksbury. He is survived by his Loving wife of 42 years, Deborah (Piantek) Tewksbury; sons, Jon and his wife Jennifer (Pace) Tewksbury, Mark Tewksbury, and Ryan and his wife Jennifer (Miller) Tewksbury; grandchildren, Allison, Autumn, Shane, Derek, Trevor, Brooklynn and Beckham; brothers, Coe Tewksbury, Guy Tewksbury and his partner Janice Lombre, Glen and his wife Ruth Tewksbury, and Clark and his wife Gayle Tewksbury; sisters, Ruthann (Tewksbury) LaPine and Gail (Tewksbury) Kwolek; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Wayne Tewksbury. After graduating Middletown High School in 1966, he chose to join the US Marine Corps instead of being drafted into the army. Within five months her was sent to Vietnam where he participated in multiple operations and he was promoted to Sergeant within 10 months of enlisting. His company was Hotel 2/5 and served under General Christmas, who he was able to meet later in life. Wounded in Vietnam he was awarded the distinguished Purple Heart Medal. Employed by the City of Middletown, he was a police officer for 27 years. The last five years of his employment he became the Community Relations and D.A.R.E officer. “Officer Jon,” as he was referred to by the community, worked with McGruff the Crime Dog educating children of all ages. During that time, he received his associates degree in criminal justice. After retirement, he and his wife Debbie, and youngest son Ryan traveled out west for a year. Moving back to the East Coast they settled in Sneads Ferry, NC, a small fishing village. This is where he started a mobile hot dog cart business selling hot dogs at the local Lowes Store and to the Marines on Camp Lejeune Stone Bay Rifle Range. He was known as “Jon the Hot Dog Man” from then on, even after closing the business 20 years later. Jon’s Back Gate Barber Shop, which he owned for 18 years became a local spot for civilians and Marines to get their haircut by one of his barbers while he chatted and visited with them. He was a member of New River Community Church in Sneads Ferry where he served on various boards and committees. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and a past member of the Elks Club and Vietnam Veterans. He enjoyed life to the fullest traveling with his wife and spending time with his family and friends. He was always proudly sharing his son’s and grandchildren’s accomplishments and telling others how much he adored them. He never missed an opportunity to talk to a stranger having the “Gift of Gab.” People who met him for the first time would feel like they knew him a lifetime when he was done talking with them. His kindness, generosity, and big heart will always be remembered. Funeral services will be held at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St. Middletown on Monday June 27, 2022 starting with a service at 9 a.m. Burial with military honors will follow at the State Veterans’ Cemetery. Calling hours will be held on Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Biega Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Shane Tewksbury, Derek Tewksbury, and Trevor Tewksbury and nephews, Michael Tewksbury and Derin Tezdiker and close friend, James Spencer. Those who wish may send memorial contributions to Greater Middletown Military Museum, 200 Walnut Grove Road, Middletown, CT 06457, Attention: Ken McClellan. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Velez Sr., George



George Velez Sr., 77, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his beloved family on June 20, 2022. He was born in San Juan, PR. He was a devoted Christian and attended Crossroads Community Cathedral. He was predeceased by his parents, Felix Sr., Dolores Velez, brother Felix Jr., and his son Lucas. He is survived by his sisters, Blanca Velez and Hilda Miranda; sons George Jr., Michael Sr., and Eric Sr.; grandchildren Gabriela, Michael Jr., Jaylen, Ariella, Isaac, and Eric Jr.; great-grand child Soelle. He will forever be loved and remembered. There will be a viewing from 4-6:30pm at De Leon Funeral Home, 104 Main St, Hartford, CT on Friday June 24, 2022.

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Love ya,
Sharon

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WILLIAM L. KUCKEL SR.



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You are in our thoughts, especially today, and forever in our hearts.

Love Shirley, Bobbie, Dick and Jackie

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PHYLLIS RICCIUTI



07/03/1922-06/23/2021



Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. St. Francis of Assisi

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Ex-Middletown schools leader files lawsuit

Former associate superintendent alleges that sexual harassment, isolation, accusations of racism pushed her out of district

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

Former Middletown Associate Superintendent of Schools Enza Macri claims in a lawsuit that the Board of Education and city knew that they were subjecting her to “sexual harassment” and more by former Middletown Superintendent of Schools Michael T. Conner and did nothing to stop it. The suit claims years of sexual harassment, including Conner allegedly kissing Macri against her will, making lewd comments about her menstrual cycle and

ostracizing her from her own job when she tried to report him. Macri, now the superintendent of Cromwell Public Schools, says she lodged repeated verbal complaints to members of the school board and school district about Conner’s allegedly increasingly inappropriate, behavior toward her “yet they took no action to protect her,” according to the lawsuit filed in federal court for the District of Connecticut on June 8. Macri has been the superintendent of schools in Cromwell since Aug. 1, 2019, according to court records.

Conner, who is no longer employed by Middletown Public Schools, is named as a defendant in the suit, along with the entire school board and city. He submitted his resignation to the Middletown Board of Education on March 3, 2022, and his resignation was accepted effective immediately, a spokesperson for Middletown Public Schools said Tuesday. The school district declined to comment on the allegations, saying they do not comment on pending litigation. The Board of Education in late April began a search to replace Conner, who

resigned a month before the city put out a report concluding he “more than likely” had “made romantic or sexual statements and advances toward a senior administrator that were unwelcome,” according to an investigative report issued then. Conner could not be reached for comment. He gave a statement to The Middletown Press last month denying any wrongdoing. His statement characterized the school board report’s finding as “character-damaging insinuation.” Middletown Mayor Benjamin Florsheim

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US helping Australia lift nuclear sub fleet

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

The U.S. is working with Australia to stand up a nuclear-powered submarine fleet, a daunting task that follows a security agreement between the two countries and the United Kingdom to check China’s aggressive reach in the Pacific. A first step is to establish U.S.-based training of commanding officers of Australia’s future fleet of submarines that are nuclear-powered. U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, D-2, whose congressional district includes the Groton submarine manufacturer General Dynamics Electric Boat, and who chairs the House Armed Services Committee’s Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee, is pushing legislation to boost training. Australians are “starting from a zero industrial base,” with no nuclear experience, including nuclear power plants, he said in a recent interview. Scott Morrison, who was Australia’s prime minister from 2018 until his election defeat last month, recognized that a \$90 billion investment, the largest acquisition in the nation’s history, “should get the best platform around for most of the 21st century,” Courtney said. Joined by U.S. Reps. Mike Gallagher, R-Wis.; Derek Kilmer, D-Wash.; and Blake Moore, R-Utah, Courtney introduced the Australia-U.S. Submarine Officer Pipeline Act. Its intent is to establish a joint training pipeline between the U.S. Navy and Royal Australian Navy and start U.S.-based training of commanding officers for Australia’s future fleet of nuclear-powered submarines under the three-nation agreement

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State pushes for dismissal of grievance filed by Diamantis

By Dave Altimari
CT Mirror

The state has filed a motion to dismiss the grievance filed by Konstantinos Diamantis — the former deputy secretary of the Office of Policy and Management still at the center of a federal investigation — a grievance that alleges mistreatment of his former boss Melissa McCaw by high-ranking members of Gov. Ned Lamont’s administration. Diamantis was fired from his OPM position in October 2021 after administration officials learned that his daughter, Anastasia, had gotten a job with Chief State’s Attorney Richard Colangelo’s office while Colangelo was pressing Diamantis to help secure raises for his staff. In February, when state officials released the results of an internal investigation,

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Carl J. Frano has been playing '50s doo-wop on WPKN for over a quarter of a century. WPKN PHOTOS

‘The Greatest Radio Station in the World’

WPKN celebrates 60 years with a new documentary

By Christopher Arnott | Hartford Courant



Ebong Udoma has played reggae and African music and interviewed special guests on his WPKN program for 30 years.

WPKN, the righteously independent Bridgeport-based freeform radio station broadcasting at 89.5 FM or online at wpkn.org, has had its praises sung by The New Yorker, The New York Times, The Nation and countless loyal listeners over the years. Now, the beloved non-commercial radio station is the subject of a new documentary, “The Greatest Radio Station in the World,” premiering Saturday at 7 p.m. as part of WPKN’s annual gala fundraiser, The screening will take place at the Bijou Theatre, in the same building at 275 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, where the station now resides. Tickets for the gala are \$150. Besides the screening, there will be tours of the WPKN studios and food from the nearby Miss

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Hartford man charged with firearm violations

Case related to double homicide incident after dispute over dog

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A Hartford man was charged with a firearm violation Tuesday in relation to a double homicide incident over a dog Sunday night. Hartford police Lt. Aaron Boisvert said Donovan McFarlane, 31, arrived at the Hartford Police Department to speak with detectives Tuesday. Boisvert said he was suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound after Sunday’s incident.

Christina Dang, 27, and Chase Eugene Garrett, 39, were killed when shots were fired on Franklin Avenue about 9 p.m. Sunday night and a woman in her 20s was transported to an area hospital, where she underwent surgery and is listed in critical condition. Boisvert said McFarlane was cooperative with the investigation. He was arrested and charged with criminal possession of a firearm. On Monday, Boisvert said police responded to a report of gunfire and found three unresponsive victims with gunshot wounds. Dang and Garrett were pronounced dead on the scene. According to

police, the two victims lived on the second floor of a multifamily home at 67 Franklin Ave. The third victim also lived in the Franklin Avenue building, police said. Dang’s 6-month-old child was taken into DCF custody following the shooting, according to Hartford Police Chief Jason Thody on Monday. Police were working to find relatives. Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said Monday that the child is now believed to be an orphan. The dog was with a neighbor as of Monday morning, Thody said. Police are

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Police seek ID of Torrington bank robbery suspect

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

Authorities are seeking the public's help in identifying a man who allegedly robbed a bank in Torrington Wednesday morning while armed with a handgun, police said. The man allegedly walked into Litchfield Bancorp at 1320 East Main St. about 10:11 a.m. and ordered the bank teller to hand over money in their cash drawer while flashing a small silver handgun, according to the Torrington Police Department. The alleged robber was described as a white man in his 60s or 70s who was wearing a Green Bay Packers cap, a jean jacket, a cloth face mask, dark sunglasses and rubber gloves, police said.

Man hurt in Townley St. shooting

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A man in his 30s was injured in a shooting Tuesday on Townley Street in Hartford, according to police. Lt Aaron Boisvert said police were called to 28 Townley St. about 5 p.m. and found a man with a

The teller gave him an undisclosed amount of cash during the robbery, police said. Before confronting the teller, the man was spotted on surveillance footage walking slowly to the bank from a nearby Dunkin' Donuts parking lot after getting out of what appeared to be a black Cadillac DTS or Cadillac Deville from between 2008 and 2012. He slowly walked back to the same vehicle after the robbery, police said, and headed west on East Main Street, police said. Police are asking anyone who recognizes the man or vehicle to contact the Torrington Police Department at 860-489-2090 or Detective Guida at 860-489-2123.

gunshot wound. He was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, Boisvert said. The Hartford Police Major Crimes and Crime Scene Divisions are investigating the incident. Anyone with any information regarding the case is asked to call the HPD Tip Line at 860-722-TIPS (8477).

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known as the AUKUS alliance, for Australia, the U.K. and U.S. The legislation calls for engaging with industry partners and expanding industrial base capacity to support increased submarine production. The bill establishes an exchange program between the U.S. Navy and Royal Australian Navy to integrate and train Australian sailors to operate and maintain nuclear-powered submarines. President Joe Biden last year worked with British and Australian leaders to establish the security agreement. France, which lost a \$66 billion deal with Australia to build new diesel-electric submarines, fiercely protested the arrangement, briefly rupturing a key U.S.-European alliance. Australia opted for nuclear-powered subs that can remain submerged — and therefore avoid risk of detection — for longer periods. Electric Boat President Kevin Graney said when the security agreement was announced that the submarine manufacturer is ready to help the U.S., although it's not been asked for any specific

action. A spokesman said EB has no role in the officer training program created by the legislation. Courtney said the AUKUS alliance is the “most important national security partnership that America has entered into in decades” and that “it makes sense to open the U.S. Navy’s nuclear training programs to Australia’s naval officers to acquire proficiency” in operating nuclear submarines. The legislation will authorize an education and training program for Royal Australian Navy submariners to receive formal instruction in the highest standard of U.S. Navy technology and will begin rotating in the first Australian sailors who will command their future fleet of nuclear-powered submarines. At least two Australian submarine officers would be selected each year to participate in training with the U.S. Navy. Each participant will be trained in the Navy Nuclear Propulsion School, enroll in the Submarine Office Basic Course and be assigned to duty on a U.S. submarine.

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unsure what the dispute over the pet was regarding, he said. They had not previously received reports of disputes or complaints regarding the dog, he said. Police said Monday they identified one vehicle as possibly being involved in the incident and have taken it into police custody. The majority of Hartford's now 20 homicides this year

have resulted from personal disputes, according to Boisvert. There were 19 homicides at this time last year in Hartford and 34 overall in 2021, Boisvert said. There have also been 59 non-fatal shootings in the city so far in 2022, compared to 65 by this time last year, he said. The Hartford Police Major Crimes and Crime Scene Divisions continues to investigate the incident. Anyone with information is asked to call the Hartford police tip line at 860-722-8477.

Grievance

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they also revealed the existence of a federal grand jury probe into the state's school construction grants overseen by Diamantis in his dual role as director of the Office of School Construction Grants and Review. The federal investigation is ongoing. The 24-page grievance was initially filed in November 2021 on behalf of Diamantis and appealed on Jan. 19 to the state Employee Review Board. It specifically named Joshua Geballe and Paul Mounds, two of Gov. Ned Lamont's top lieutenants, and alleged mistreatment of McCaw. Geballe has since left the administration for a job at Yale, and McCaw also resigned as OPM Secretary to take a job in East Hartford. Both the grievance and the documents filed to support it

were initially sealed, but the CT Mirror obtained a copy of the complaint. It was not clear Tuesday if the original complaint was still sealed. Last week, on the state Department of Administrative Services website, the state Employee Review Board listed a public hearing for the Diamantis grievance, scheduled to start June 20. On Tuesday, OPM released a copy of the motion to dismiss the case that was filed by Adam Garelick, an attorney for the Office of Labor Relations, on June 6. Diamantis' attorney Zachary Reiland, who filed the initial grievance, said this week's hearing was postponed because of the state's new motion. He declined to comment on the state's motion. Diamantis and his lawyer have 30 days to respond to the state's motion to dismiss, which will likely now be addressed in September, Reiland said. In the motion to dismiss,

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said that Macri “did not work for the city” and that the city was not aware of complaints Macri had made against Conner. “At no point prior to these allegations becoming public was the City aware of them,” said Florsheim. The lawsuit, signed by Attorney Nina T. Pirrotti of New Haven-based law firm Garrison, Levin-Epstein, Fitzgerald and Pirrotti, claims the town and board of education acted with “deliberate indifference” and in doing so created a hostile work environment, failed to supervise employees and engaged in retaliation. Macri “suffered from such severe mental and physical distress that she had no choice but to leave the job and community she loved in order to escape” it, the lawsuit says. The suit claims that when Macri complained about Conner's alleged fixation on her to the HR department and other members of the board, she was allegedly told: “until someone puts something in writing there is nothing illegal about a boss that is a jerk or a bad person,” according to the lawsuit. Upon hearing about her verbal complaints, Conner, who is Black, allegedly ostracized Macri and told other administrators that she was racist, the lawsuit said. For Macri, Middletown Public Schools were not just her place of employment but her community. In addition to her career, “It was also her second family and the cause to which she committed her life,” the lawsuit says. Macri, who began work-

ing for Middletown Public Schools in 2005, was initially excited to work with Conner when he was named the district's next superintendent in 2017. She hoped they could work together to bring forth his “innovative ideas” on how to close the achievement gap and secure additional funding, according to the lawsuit. But just a few weeks into his new role, Conner began allegedly mistreating the woman employed by the district, the lawsuit said. The lawsuit alleges that Conner would “become enraged” and “publicly berate” the 10 female administrators in the district and refer to them as “girls,” while praising and comforting the district's eight male administrators in similar situations. He also allegedly invited Macri into his office to listen to him scold another female administrator that he allegedly disliked, the suit says. When Macri questioned why he was scolding the administrator so harshly Conner allegedly replied that it was because he didn't like the woman's “face and attitude” and wanted to “show her who the boss was.” Conner allegedly commented on female administrators' appearances frequently and linked their looks to their employment, once allegedly telling Macri “he did not like her face” and she needed to “fix it” if she wanted to remain employed there, the suit says. When Macri first told Conner that his behavior toward women wasn't right, he allegedly refused to speak to her for weeks, according to the lawsuit. For more than a year, Conner allegedly professed his feelings for Macri and

his desire to have a relationship with her, the suit says. He allegedly called multiple closed-door meetings, often allegedly pulling Macri's chair closer to him so that their knees were touching, and told her repeatedly that he was in love with her, and that he “could not stop thinking about her,” the lawsuit said. Macri allegedly reminded Conner that they were both in relationships and that they were colleagues so therefore his behavior was inappropriate. At one point, in January 2018, Conner allegedly told her he was interested in her because she had “as much to lose” as she did. This comment, Macri said, made her fear for her job and behave cautiously. Macri, according to the lawsuit, first reported the harassment to her therapist, then to Middletown Public Schools' Title IX coordinator Marco Gaylord. The lawsuit alleges Gaylord, over the course of repeated verbal complaints from Macri, did not investigate the claims or urge Macri to file a formal complaint. In late February 2018, Macri reported the behavior to the district's director of human resources, who shared that she also felt uncomfortable with Conner. Macri went back to Gaylord, at the HR director's advice, and expressed her fears that Conner would sabotage her career. Gaylord allegedly told her he agreed that reporting Conner would be “career suicide,” the lawsuit said. The lawsuit claims that, after she spoke with human resources, Conner allegedly ordered Macri into a closed conference room where he continued to make comments about her appearance and his attrac-

tion to her. In November 2018, Macri and the human resources director, who is not named in the suit, reported Conner's alleged harassment and discrimination of both of them and other female administrators to Chris Drake, then the chairman of the Middletown Board of Education. Drake allegedly told the women he couldn't do anything without a written complaint and took no further action to investigate their concerns, the suit claims. Macri also reached out to another board member, Sean King, to report the abuse. King allegedly responded “until someone puts something in writing there is nothing illegal about a boss that is a jerk or a bad person,” according to the lawsuit. The lawsuit alleges that after Conner learned of Macri complaint's about his behavior he “began to engage in a campaign to isolate Dr. Macri and undermine her authority” and in doing so created an environment in which she could not do her job. “Dr. Conner had created a fiefdom at MPS in which only those who served him survived, and Dr. Macri had no place,” the lawsuit claims. “It was clear that under his rule she could no longer be a force for good in the community she loved and to which she had devoted her career.” The lawsuit said that, because of Conner's behavior, Macri did “the unthinkable: she left her second family and found another job.” A summons was filed on June 10 requesting that Conner, the board and city respond to Macri's complaint within 21 days, court records show.

WPKN

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Thelma's Soul Food Restaurant. There will be a Q&A after the screening with the documentary's creator, Cob Carlson. “The Greatest Radio Station in the World” can also be seen at the Bridgeport Film Festival in July. A trailer for the documentary can be viewed at vimeo.com. The documentary features interviews with longtime DJs and former administrators, plus footage of local musicians such as Daphne Lee Martin playing live in the studio and remarks by U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy and others. WPKN was founded as a student radio station at the University of Bridgeport in 1963 and was given its first paid station manager in 1967. The station always encouraged participation from outside the school, with the full support of the university. In 1989, WPKN became independent of the University of Bridgeport. It is supported by donations from listeners, does not sell commercial time and does not accept corporate sponsorships. Decidedly non-mainstream in its approach to programming, WPKN distinguishes itself with deeply felt playlists that range from folk to jazz to rock to funk to hip-hop to “esoterica” and beyond, and also features in-depth

current affairs news shows, talk and a variety of other sounds. “The Greatest Radio Station in the World” notes that the stable of WPKN DJs includes two members of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame — Talking Heads drummer Chris Franz and Paul Butterfield Blues Band keyboardist Mark Naftalin — and several music industry veterans. Some WPKN voices are especially familiar because they have hosted shows for 30, 40 or 50 years. Carlson says the documentary project came about rather casually. “Five years ago, I had to spend time in Bridgeport, so I reconnected with the station. I was asked to do a film but said no. Then I started teaching in Connecticut and it made more sense to do it.” Carlson says the documentary was largely a one-person operation because of COVID. Most of the interviews were done during the pandemic but were able to be captured in a safe, distanced and well-lit manner using the Bijou stage. Toward the end, he says he was able to enlist some Eastern Connecticut State University students. Carlson currently lives in the Boston area and teaches digital media production at ECSU. He has worked throughout Connecticut, including teaching at Martin Luther King Middle School and serving as president of the Hartford Food Co-op in the late 1970s. He

first got involved at WPKN as a volunteer for their fund-raisers back in the 1980s. He says that one of his first film projects was done on a camera lent him by Harry Minot, who was WPKN's general manager from 1978 to 2008 and still hosts a show on the station. This was a “no-budget project,” Carlson says, which inspired him to dress up the documentary creatively with comical old black-and-white movie clips he found copyright-free in the Library of Congress archives. The archival footage is appropriate when illustrating an institution that's been around for nearly 60 years and celebrates a media format (terrestrial radio signals) that's been around since the beginning of the 20th century. The images also jibe nicely with the photos of long-haired hipster WPKN staffers in the 1960s. Carlson also used footage shot for a never-realized WPKN documentary project in the 1990s by Bryan Konefsky, an experimental artist from Bridgeport who moved to New Mexico. “He sent me tapes. He really saved my butt,” Carlson says. Some of the biggest moments in recent WPKN history are subdued in the narrative. Last year, the station made a major move to the 275 Fairfield Avenue address, but talk of that transition is mostly kept until the documentary's closing cred-

its sequence, which includes footage of the ribbon-cutting ceremony when the new studio opened. “I was not going to put the move in at all,” Carlson says. He preferred to concentrate on the station's illustrious history, community spirit and independent attitude. He sees WPKN as “an interesting cultural phenomenon.” Another milestone that's underplayed is an August 2021 story in the New Yorker magazine by David Owen, which heaped praise upon WPKN and labeled its music library “a quirkily dendrochronological register of new and old music during the past six decades or so.” A line from the article gave the documentary its title, “The Greatest Radio Station in the World,” yet Owen's work isn't mentioned in the documentary, other than a brief image of that page of the magazine. What “The Greatest Radio Station in the World” captures best is the personalities of the station's on-air talent. Many bring very specific musical passions to their shows. “The one thing that's consistent about everybody's show,” current general manager Steve DiConstanzo says, “is that each of them thinks they have the best show at WPKN.”

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Garelick argued that the board should dismiss Diamantis' grievance without a hearing because the board lacks jurisdiction to hear his appeal. Among other things, the motion claims, Diamantis did not resign in good standing — a requirement for reinstating an employee who resigned — because he resigned while disciplinary action was pending and did not give two weeks' notice, according to the motion. Further, the motion argues, Diamantis did not meet the requirements to appeal to the Employee Review Board, which include receiving an unsatisfactory performance evaluation. Garelick's motion states that Diamantis “advances a plethora of wide-ranging and contradictory accusations against the state.” It states that Diamantis' main claim, that Geballe improperly denied his request to rescind his retire-

ment, doesn't hold up to scrutiny. “The Grievant did not resign in good standing and had no right to rescind his resignation,” Garelick wrote. Diamantis has said his removal was the consequence of a long-simmering power struggle between top Lamont aides and the Office of Policy and Management, one of the most influential state agencies by tradition and statutory authority. **Grudges and Zoom calls** Documents obtained by the CT Mirror show that Diamantis' grievance had already been denied in two other closed sessions, before a DAS human resources officer and an arbitrator. The Employee Review Board is his last outlet under his state contract. In his grievance, Diamantis alleges that Geballe and Mounds held a grudge against him for speaking out about the way they and other commissioners treated McCaw. (Geballe's

mother, Shelley Geballe, a lawyer and professor of public health at Yale, is a founding board member of the nonprofit Connecticut News Project Inc., operator of CTMirror.org.) Diamantis describes secretly listening, at McCaw's request, to Zoom meetings with other commissioners and state officials so he could “witness the treatment she was receiving.” The grievance describes another Zoom meeting among state commissioners where McCaw addressed an unnamed commissioner's “abusive and disrespectful behavior toward the Secretary” and charged it “was rooted in racial discrimination/animus.” “The secretary respectfully expressed her discomfort with the treatment and requested that greater attention be given toward tone and professionalism in order to avoid making fellow employees uncomfortable,”

the grievance states. The same day Diamantis was removed from the politically appointed OPM position, he was suspended with pay from his civil-service job overseeing school construction grants. Rather than accept the suspension, Diamantis retired. But within hours of doing so, he tried to rescind his retirement. Geballe denied his request, according to the grievance, saying that Diamantis hadn't resigned in “good standing.” The grievance also states that Geballe refused to rescind the retirement because of Diamantis' “unprofessional conduct,” specifically citing two “inappropriate text messages” Diamantis sent on the evening of Oct. 28. The first, to Mounds, read, “I'm coming / The truth is coming / Liars will come forward / Racists too.” Minutes later, he sent a text to Geballe that read: “I hate liars and racists.”

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Justice Alliance wants better path for youths

Advocacy group wants kids steered away from criminal justice system; addressing causes of criminalization key

By Deidre Montague
Hartford Courant

American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut Public Policy Advocacy Director Claudine Constant said she wears statement earrings whenever she is out in a public space for work.

One pair say, “No one wants to be poor.”

“Why do we live in a society that continues to criminalize poverty?” Constant asked at a news briefing by the Connecticut Justice Alliance this week. “Why do we live in a society that continues to criminalize situations that no person wants to be in?”

This week’s briefing was a part of the alliance’s relaunching of its “Invest In Me” campaign, which seeks to reduce the number of youths involved in the criminal justice system by addressing the root causes of youth criminalization, in tandem with the week of Juneteenth.

The alliance is working to stop the criminalization of youth, who are often disproportionately youth of color.

CTJA staff spoke about the findings discovered from looking at the past few years of economic impact on communities through their previous Vision sessions, along with releasing the addendum to their 2020 report,

“Ending the Criminalization of Youth: One Investment at a Time.”

Justice Advisor Tenille Bonilla said that the new findings include three themes that continued to reveal themselves during their Vision sessions. The findings showed that the legislature and media have created a narrative about young people being the cause of the rise in crime since the COVID-19 pandemic in the state, a societal disconnect between what young people of color need and what drives their actions, and an over-reliance on police to maintain order, especially in Black and brown communities. Tying all three themes together is that they are rooted in a systemically racist system that youth of color are forced to navigate on a daily basis, Bonilla said.

“We have noticed the significance of everyone needing to admit and address the obvious racial inequity in our system. (This) very inequity can be helped with adequate people being put in proper community spaces, in order to step away from the over-reliance of police and improper circumstances,” she said.

Facilitated by the CTJA’s team of justice advisors, the Vision sessions held with youth, families, communities, and stakeholders are raw and transparent conversations on various topics that they believe contribute to

the criminalization of youth. These conversations help the organization determine how to do its work to achieve its mission of ending youth criminalization by addressing the root contributing causes, such as communities that are dealing with living instabilities (financial or housing), single-parent homes, incarcerated parents, unaddressed trauma, generational trauma and lack of services role models and guidance. Many emphasized that these children often have special education needs, according to their report.

CTJA Community Connections Associate Jordan Wilson said it is important to have these critical conversations around the factors that funnel young people, often of color, into the legal system.

“As an organization, we recognize that having conversations ... with the very entities that lead (youth to the legal system) there, along with the very people that have been in those predicaments are so important when it comes to transforming policy here in Connecticut. We believe young people, families and communities deserve a seat at the table when having conversations around youth legal reform, nothing about us without us,” Wilson said.

“We need people to dig deep into our societies and make a connection between what

young people need and what causes them to make certain actions,” she said “(We need to) make the connection between young people needing somewhere to sleep and choosing cars to be that place. We need to address the connection that we have to trauma.”

CTJA said in their report during the COVID-19 pandemic, when young people and community needs went unmet, unrest was the result. The pandemic heightened the needs that already existed in marginalized communities.

CTJA Executive Director Christina Quaranta said that when the state enters into another legislative session the focus should not be on investing in police, incarceration, or the carceral state that causes more trauma and damage to marginalized communities, but on asking why certain things happen.

“We want economic security, healed communities. We want trust built, we want credible messengers, we want housing security. We want hope, we want equal opportunities, and we demand that Connecticut and the state legislature address the root (causes of youth behavior),” Quaranta said. “If we don’t invest in young people, if we don’t invest in families, if we don’t invest in communities, we’re doing the wrong thing. We’re making the wrong choice.”

State suspends doctor’s license, citing drug, alcohol use

By Kate Farrish
Connecticut Health I-Team

The state Medical Examining Board on Tuesday suspended the license of a Stamford doctor after state Department of Public Health officials said his excessive use of alcohol and drugs and his mental illnesses may affect his ability to safely practice medicine.

A statement of charges against him says that Dr. Jeffrey Stern excessively used alcohol and narcotics in 2019 and 2020 and since 2019, has had mental illnesses or emotional disorders.

DPH records show that Stern was arrested on Aug. 29, 2020 and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use and driving while intoxicated. It was unclear where the arrest took place. In 2019, Stern had temporarily surrendered his medical license in New York and voluntarily agreed to stop practicing medicine in Florida, DPH records show.

In the statement of charges, DPH contends that Stern, who is listed on state records as living in New York City, falsely answered “no” when asked on his 2020 Connecticut medical license application if he had voluntarily surrendered any professional license or was facing possible discipline in any other state.

From 2020 to 2021, Stern also falsely used his Connecticut license to treat patients in New York and violated Connecticut law by prescribing opioid drugs to patients though telehealth appointments, the statement said. During the same period, he also violated state law by prescribing controlled substances to patients who had no demonstrated physical or medical disorders, it said.

From 2020 to 2021, he also prescribed more than a 72-hour supply of a controlled substance to a patient and failed to review electronic prescription drug monitoring records, the statement said.

At the meeting, additional charges were added against Stern after Joelle Newton, a DPH staff attorney, said the health department had received new allegations from the state Department of Consumer Protection’s Drug Control Division about Stern prescribing controlled substances.

FEMA gives \$1.3M to state for storm costs

Courant staff report

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said Wednesday it has awarded nearly \$1.3 million to Connecticut to reimburse the administrative costs of recovering from tornadoes and storms that struck the state on May 15, 2018.

The agency said the state Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection will receive a total of \$1,275,694 in federal funding through FEMA’s Public Assistance grant program “to reimburse it for the costs of administering the Public Assistance grants that the state received to respond to and recover from the storm.”

“A line of thunderstorms hit the southwest corner of the state, spawning multiple tornadoes and high winds that left two dead and hundreds of thousands without power after millions of trees were knocked down,” FEMA said in a statement. “Hundreds of homes were damaged and several state parks – Sleeping Giant, Kettle-town, and Wharton Brook – were temporarily closed as a result of downed trees and damaged infrastructure.”

FEMA also noted that it awarded almost \$19 million in public assistance grants to state and local governments for the disaster.



Urban Lodge Brewing, which opened in August 2019 in Manchester and operated successfully through the pandemic, is expanding to a taproom at 88 Pratt St. in downtown Hartford. COURANT FILE PHOTO

Manchester’s Urban Lodge Brewing to open taproom in downtown Hartford

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Urban Lodge Brewing, which opened in August 2019 in Manchester and powered successfully through the pandemic, is expanding to a taproom at 88 Pratt Street in downtown Hartford.

The buildout on the space will begin soon, co-owner Ryan Fagan said. Fagan said the expansion is partially financed by a matching grant from the city’s Hart Lift program, which funds new commercial enterprises in vacant city storefronts.

Fagan does not yet know how much Urban Lodge’s grant will be. Julio Concepción, executive director of Hartford Chamber of Commerce, said the third cohort of grant funding will be officially announced sometime in the next few weeks, and

confirmed that Urban Lodge is one of 15 new fundees.

“We want to have a big presence in central Connecticut. Hartford offers a lot for our brand and the other way around, we can offer a lot to the city of Hartford,” Fagan said.

Concepción agrees. “This means two important things. We’re seeing an impact on the capital city. The vibrancy is coming back to Hartford. And we can see the impact the Hart Lift program has already had in the city. These dollars are invigorating downtown.”

The location is the former home of The Tap 88 Bar and Lounge.

Fagan, who owns Urban Lodge with Michael Gerrity, said he may have both indoor and outdoor seating, as has become the norm for eateries on Pratt. He expects to run 11 to 13 taps at a time, similar to the setup at the Manchester location.

The taproom also will sell nonalcoholic beers from Athletic Brewing of Stratford, hard cider from Stafford Cidery and soft drinks from Willimantic-based Hosmer Mountain, as well as wine.

“In everything we do, we try to get our products from inside the state,” Fagan said.

He said he does not yet know if the taproom will have a kitchen. If not, the brewery may operate as the flagship location does, allowing takeout food from nearby restaurants.

“In Manchester, we are surrounded by five to 10 restaurants on Main Street. That’s nice to be able to do that, to support local fellow businesses,” he said. urbanlodgebrewing.com.

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Bushnell cancels ‘When Playwrights Kill’ tryout run

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

“When Playwrights Kill,” won’t be killing in Hartford.

A planned out-of-town tryout of the new comedy “When Playwrights Kill” by Matthew Lombardo, scheduled to play The Bushnell Performing Arts Center in late July and early August, won’t be happening after all.

The show’s producers announced Tuesday afternoon that they had decided to develop the play in New York City this summer instead. On social media, Lombardo announced that “When Playwrights Kill” will be doing invitation-only “presentations” at the Pershing Square Signature Center in New York City during the same time period when it would otherwise have been in Hartford.

While the producers hope to bring “When Playwrights Kill” to Hartford at a future time, there are no firm plans for that, so all ticket purchases for the run are being refunded. Ticketholders can contact the Bushnell box office for details.

“When Playwrights Kill” was an unusual booking for The Bushnell: a multi-week engagement of a work-in-progress, featuring some big-name Broadway stars, in the

performing arts center’s smaller Belding Theater space. It harkened back to Connecticut’s mid-20th century role as a place to try out shows before they went to Broadway. In recent decades, new plays still regularly get workshops and try-outs in Connecticut, but usually at regional theaters such as Hartford Stage, Yale Repertory Theatre or Goodspeed Musicals. The Bushnell generally books national tours of musicals that have already succeeded on Broadway.

Lombardo was born and raised in Wethersfield. His play about Katharine Hepburn, “Tea at Five” premiered at Hartford Stage in 2002 before moving to Broadway. Another Lombardo work, “High,” had its world premiere at TheaterWorks Hartford in 2010. The playwright also was one of the original contributors to the TheaterWorks seasonal hit “Christmas on the Rocks,” creating a “The Grinch Who Stole Christmas” parody scene which he later expanded into the full-length one-person off-Broadway show “Who’s Holiday!” A post-New York tour of “Looped” played The Bushnell in 2013.

“We are so excited to explore the further development of this play,” producers said in a statement accompanying The Bush-


nell cancellation announcement. “Although sales were strong in Hartford, we decided this shift would benefit all involved, particularly the creative team as they foster their vision in an effort to move this production forward.”

“When Playwrights Kill” stars Jeremy Jordan (Broadway’s “Newsies,” TV’s “Smash”), Harriet Harris (Broadway’s “Thoroughly Modern Millie,” TV’s “Frasier” and “Desperate Housewives”) and André De Shields (Broadway’s “Hedestown” and “The Wiz”) with Arnie Burton, Nik Alexander, Irene Sofia Lucio, Jake Loewenthal, Catherine LeFrere and Darius Wallace also in the cast.

The Bushnell website described the comedy as about an aspiring playwright on the verge of making his Broadway debut who realizes after a disastrous out-of-town tryout that one of the show’s stars “must be stopped!”

It was amusing that a play about out-of-town production troubles would go the out-of-town development route itself, but that’s no longer the case. “When Playwrights Kill,” they will do so in New York.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Dolores Joan Slack, Late of Chester, AKA Dolores J. Slack (22-0392)

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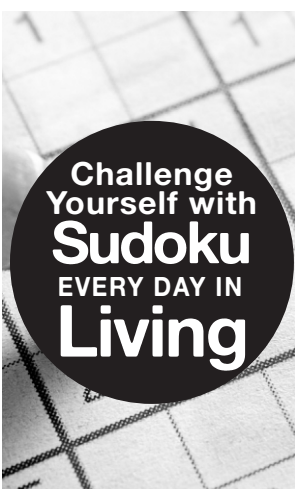
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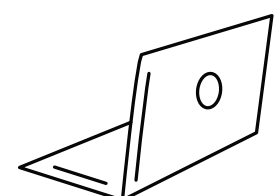
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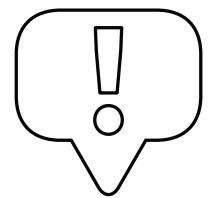
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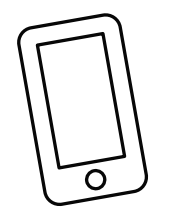
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Many runners are driven to cross the finish line as fast as possible. But in a sport that rewards speed, sometimes it's healthier to be the tortoise than the hare. CHRIS GASH/THE NEW YORK TIMES

The glory in being a straggler

Running at an easier pace can cultivate mental and physical grit, as well as trigger ‘runner’s high’

By Danielle Friedman
The New York Times

Many runners are driven by a desire to cross the finish line as fast as possible. I am driven by a desire to cross it before race organizers leave for the day. I’ve cut it close. During the last few miles of the 2016 New York City Marathon, I was given what appeared to be my own police escort, as city workers disassembled the course behind me. Friends who had vowed to cheer me on abandoned their posts for dinner plans. The race was a highlight of my life, but I would be lying if I said I was thrilled to cross the finish line nearly last. Like many who choose to run marathons, I am a striver — I want to achieve, optimize and impress. But in a culture that celebrates speed and power, there’s little glory in being a straggler. And yet, after hundreds of training miles and dozens of road races, I am learning to reconcile my tortoiselike pace with my desire to call myself an athlete. It’s best summed up by what Stanford University health psychologist Kelly McGonigal has coined the “persistence high” — a kind of physiological reward for not giving up. The persistence high works like this: When we move at an easy to moderate pace — what McGonigal described to me as a “feels good” level of intensity — for at least 20 minutes, we often experience a flood of biochemicals called endocannabinoids that has long been identified as the “runner’s high.” Interestingly, some researchers have found that we don’t experience this psychological effect

if we run with maximum effort. Jogging at a manageable pace is what usually leads to that buzzy feeling that all is right in the world. “There’s no objective measure of performance you must achieve, no pace or distance you need to reach, that determines whether you experience an exercise-induced euphoria,” McGonigal wrote in her book “The Joy of Movement: How Exercise Helps Us Find Happiness, Hope, Connection, and Courage.” The reward comes simply from staying the course. **The view from way back** Fitness culture doesn’t always make it easy for back-of-the-pack runners to persist. Running only became a leisure activity for the masses in the 1970s and it generally encouraged speed. “Historically, running wasn’t meant to be a hobby,” said Martinus Evans, an activity coach and creator of the Slow AF Run Club, a global community of more than 8,000 runners who embrace their pace. “I think that’s still baked in there.” While the road racing community has gradually welcomed slow runners, we still face biases and obstacles. We trade stories of marathons that advertise a seven-hour time limit but start packing up water tables after six hours, or races that run out of finisher medals. “It’s very frustrating when you finish and they’ve already pulled up the finish line,” said Ruth Gursky, an attorney from the New York City borough of Queens who has run six marathons. Slow runners who have larger bodies face additional challenges, as our culture has long equated lithe physiques with virtuous lifestyles. “People will be like,

‘You’re out of shape. You just need to try harder,’” said Kendra Dolton, a marathoner from the New York City borough of Brooklyn who supports size inclusivity in running. “You’re out there and you’re trying, but people are still judging that you’re too slow, or that you don’t look like what they think you should look like.” Several studies suggest that when people feel judged for their weight, they are less likely to exercise in the first place. We also know that social stigma can cause stress, which can trigger a cascade of stress hormones — basically the opposite of a runner’s high. I live in an average-sized body, but I’ve still questioned whether I am a real runner. When others whiz by me, I sometimes play mental games with myself — for all they know I’m recovering from knee surgery! (I’ve never had knee surgery.) When I talk about being a devoted runner, I always qualify it by saying that I’m slow. Other slow runners question their legitimacy, too. Some told me they avoid sharing their times on fitness tracking apps such as Strava, lest their friends discover their pace. “I know factually that my accomplishment and the work I put in is not less valuable than those that are running faster — it’s just different,” Dolton said. “But in my brain, I’m still like, but is it?” **The benefits of running at a ‘feels good’ pace** I usually run about a 13 ½-minute mile. In long races I often run much slower. I also run using the Galloway method, which strategically incorporates walk breaks. Founded by Olympic marathoner Jeff Galloway in the early 1970s, the run-walk-run method

has been shown in some studies to decrease self-reported fatigue and muscle pain. For me, it has made running a joy. Over the years I have learned that, like body acceptance, pace acceptance can come from shifting our focus from external metrics and others’ perceived judgments to how we actually feel in our own skin. As Evans of the Slow AF Run Club put it: “Pace acceptance is body acceptance, and body acceptance is pace acceptance.” When we compare ourselves to others, said Dr. Justin Ross, a clinical psychologist in Denver who specializes in athlete mental health and performance, we set ourselves up to suffer. Instead, “the real psychological benefits come from enjoying what your body can do,” he said. Beyond this, however, I have also learned that running with the back of the pack can cultivate a mental and physical grit that is valuable on its own. “A seven-hour marathon is going to require a great deal of mental fortitude,” Ross said. Perhaps even more, he added, than a three-hour one. There are also physical benefits to running at a pace that doesn’t feel punishing, said Claire Bartholic, a coach based in Asheville, North Carolina, who has helped hundreds of people develop a running practice. “The hardest thing I do as a coach is teach people to run slower,” she said, because it feels “counterintuitive.” Running with intensity might build muscle, but running at an easy pace — which is unique to every runner, she noted — does a better job of conditioning our heart and lungs and boosting our endurance.

Widespread chemicals may cause high blood pressure in women

HealthDay News

Called “forever chemicals” because they linger in the environment, new research suggests that middle-aged women with high levels of perfluoroalkyls and polyfluoroalkyls, or PFAS, in their blood may be more vulnerable to high blood pressure. In the study, women aged 45 to 56 who had the highest concentrations of seven of these chemicals were 71% more likely to develop

high blood pressure than women with the lowest levels of PFAS. “Obesity, stress and smoking are well-known risk factors for high blood pressure, and PFAS are even more important than these factors because PFAS are widespread, and almost all people are exposed to PFAS,” said study author Sung Kyun Park. He is an associate professor of epidemiology and environmental health sciences at

the University of Michigan’s School of Public Health. PFAS can be found in water, soil, air and food. They are used in everyday household items, including shampoo, dental floss, cosmetics, nonstick cookware, food packaging, clothing and more. This isn’t the first study to suggest that PFAS can harm cardiovascular health. These chemicals have also been linked to heart disease risk and high

cholesterol. Exactly how they affect blood pressure levels isn’t fully understood yet. But “PFAS are very similar to the building blocks of fats, so PFAS can disrupt the action of body’s metabolism and blood pressure control,” Park explained. Exposure to PFAS can be reduced through policy changes that regulate PFAS discharge to waterways and the use of PFAS in products, he said. For the study, Park and

his colleagues looked at blood levels of seven specific PFAS in more than 1,000 middle-aged U.S. women who had normal blood pressure when the study began. Women were followed annually from 1999 to 2017. During this time, 470 women developed high blood pressure. More research is needed to see if the findings apply to men, the authors said. The findings were published in the journal Hypertension.



DREAMSTIME

CELEBRITIES

Diane Warren among Oscar honorees

From news services

Diane Warren will finally be able to thank the Academy this November.

The oft-nominated songwriter has been selected to receive an honorary Oscar at the Governors Awards alongside directors Peter Weir and Euizhan Palcy. Actor Michael J. Fox will also be bestowed with the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said Tuesday. None of the honorees has previously won an Oscar.

The honorary Oscar statuette is given for “extraordinary distinction in lifetime achievement, exceptional contributions to the state of motion picture arts and sciences, or for outstanding service to the academy.”

Warren, 65, has contributed original songs to more than 100 films and has been nominated in the category 13 times since 1987. Australian auteur Weir, 77, has also received many nominations over the years for both directing and writing. Palcy, 64, has been a trailblazer for decades as a Black woman director.

Fox will be feted with the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for his advocacy work in Parkinson’s research. The 61-year-old actor was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease at age 29. His organization, the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, is a leader in the field.

Though he has never been nominated for an Oscar before, Fox has won five Emmys and a Grammy.

The awards will be held Nov. 19.

Fashion creators sue Bieber: Two former college roommates who created a successful clothing line under the “Rhode” trademark sued model Hailey Bieber on Tuesday, saying



Diane Warren, seen May 24, has been Oscar-nominated for original song 13 times. MICHAEL CAMPANELLA/GETTY

she’s creating market confusion by marketing a skin care line under the Rhode name.

The lawsuit in Manhattan federal court asked a judge to cite trademark infringement and block Bieber from selling or marketing any products with the Rhode name. It also sought unspecified damages. The lawsuit said court intervention was necessary because Bieber is a celebrity with over 45 million Instagram followers who launched her skin care line last week and has filed trademark applications to sell clothing.

Bieber’s lawyer didn’t immediately respond to a request for comment.

‘Hair’ co-creator Rado dies: James Rado, co-creator of the groundbreaking hippie musical “Hair” that celebrated protest, pot and free love and paved the way for the sound of rock on Broadway, has died at age 90. Rado died Tuesday in New York City of cardio

respiratory arrest, according to friend and publicist Merle Frimark.

“Hair,” with a story and lyrics by Rado and Gerome Ragni and music by Galt MacDermot, was the first rock musical on Broadway, the first Broadway show to feature full nudity and the first to feature a same-sex kiss. “Hair” made possible other rock musicals such as “Jesus Christ Superstar” and “Rent.” It spawned four top four singles on the American pop charts, including the No. 1 hit “Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In” by the Fifth Dimension.

June 23 birthdays: Singer Diana Trask is 82. Actor Ted Shackelford is 76. Actor Bryan Brown is 75. Musician Randy Jackson is 66. Actor Frances McDormand is 65. Actor Selma Blair is 50. Actor Joel Edgerton is 48. Singer KT Tunstall is 47. Actor Emmanuelle Vaugier is 46. Musician Jason Mraz is 45. Actor Melissa Rauch is 42.



ASK AMY

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Girlfriend fears partner’s being too generous

Dear Amy: I started seeing “James” three months ago. I am 35, and he is 40. We both have successful careers, great communication and an appetite for adventure. It has made for an amazing start, but I struggle with some baggage.

James has a 4-year-old daughter part time, whom I adore. James and his ex “Constance” were together for six years — never married. Constance has always been a stay-at-home mom, raising three older children that James considers stepchildren. Constance left James.

He was shattered and confided in me that she must have been miserable to leave the financial security he provided. The thing is — she still has it!

Constance and their daughter reside in the house he bought for the family, no strings — or rent — attached. Their agreement is that she may stay indefinitely. If she decides to move, he would sell the house, and she gets half. He also pays her monthly child support (\$500 more than is legally required).

When I expressed how generous he was, James elaborated that he wants his daughter to live comfortably, and Constance takes good care of the property.

While I admire his heart and support, I can’t help but think that James is being overly generous. He and Constance are not on speaking terms. Constance has been cutting ties between him and her other children.

Am I wrong in agreeing that Constance may be abusing James’ generosity? Are splitting assets like

this typical for unmarried couples?

I recognize his responsibility to his daughter, but I fear he has been manipulated into financially supporting Constance long term. It makes me nervous for a potential future together. Shall I speak up? — *Biting my Tongue*

Dear Biting: You have been seeing “James” for three months. Understand that he has the right to spend his money any way he wants to, including this generosity to an ex who isn’t very nice to him.

If he can afford to provide housing for his ex and her children for the indefinite future, and if doing so makes him feel like he’s doing the right thing, then I’d say — good for him!

My only concern would be that he doesn’t seem to have a legal agreement with his ex outlining this arrangement. If that’s the case, she is more vulnerable than he is, because he could negate this agreement at any time, especially if he is involved with someone (you, for instance) who seems to think he is a chump and is influencing him.

My advice to you is to enjoy your relationship with him and don’t judge his choices until they have a direct impact on you.

If you two became serious and had a financial entanglement, and certainly if you moved toward cohabitation or marriage, this would become your business.

Dear Amy: I’m a widowed woman (62) and met a man (36) with two children. We’ve been in a relation-

ship for three years, and so far I’ve yet to meet his siblings or mom, I can’t go in his house, and we’ve only been intimate a few times. Our “relationship” consists of phone calls and text messages.

I’ve invited him and the kids to holiday and birthday meals, but he’s always got other plans. I’m never invited to any family gatherings.

He says he cares for me very much — as I do him — but this isn’t working for me. What do you think? — *Wondering*

Dear Wondering: I think this isn’t working for him, either. I hope you meet a new special someone who wants to open his life to you. This man ... ain’t it.

Dear Amy: A divorced dad (“Missing Friends”) wrote to you about their “couple” friends siding with his ex-wife, leaving him missing their friendship.

I was on the other side of this. I was the wife that was left “taking” all the friends. I didn’t ask people to choose, they just did.

I found that when the dust settled, and I invited my ex to events, as he did with me, our friends came around, too, knowing that we could all be at events together with no drama.

No one had to choose sides if we didn’t. It’s not always easy, but it’s better than being left out.

— *The Ex*

Dear Ex: Well said. Thank you!

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Judges Tiffany Derry, from second left, Graham Elliot, host Alejandra Ramos and judge Leah Cohen gather around a contestant’s station in “The Great American Recipe.” PBS

PBS’ ‘Great American Recipe’ omits angst among contestants

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

America has perfected the stressful TV cooking competition, pitting amateur or professional chefs against each other in such high-pressure, scream-filled shows as “Chopped,” “Cutthroat Kitchen” or “Top Chef.”

PBS hopes to change that with an original food competition show, “The Great American Recipe,” which dispenses with the angst and scary knife graphics. It’s more “The Great British Baking Show” than “Hell’s Kitchen.”

Gentle and supportive, the show gathers 10 home cooks from around the country and gives them the opportunity to showcase their signature dishes. The eight-episode series debuts June 24 on PBS, PBS.org and the PBS Video app.

“Yes, they were competing, but they really were just there to be their best selves and tell each other stories through their food,” says the show’s host, Alejandra Ramos, a chef and writer.

The contestants include a hotel receptionist from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, who makes a soul-satisfying linguini;

a firefighter from Providence, Rhode Island, who makes a meaty Chicken Sicilian; and a small business owner from New York, an expert on cod fritters, or bacalaitos.

Sylvia Bugg, chief programming executive and general manager for general audience programming for PBS, says it’s the stories behind the food that make the show compelling. “Hopefully people can see themselves reflected in the stories through ‘The Great American Recipe’ that they may not have otherwise seen,” she says. “It’s nice competition, it’s great characters, great story. You get that emotion, which I think is just the recipe for success, and we’re pretty excited about it.”

The home chefs are tasked with creating two dishes for each show’s two rounds, which are judged on taste, presentation, execution and how it highlights the theme — things like a meal in a pinch, a crowd pleaser or a special occasion meal. The judges are Leah Cohen, Tiffany Derry and Graham Elliot.

“The dishes were delicious and incredible. We loved eating them. But listening to the stories was honestly the most

satisfying part of being on the show,” says Ramos.

There is a camaraderie among the contestants, who will offer to help others when they finish early or taste another’s dish for advice.

The series — filmed in a barn in southern Virginia — culminates in a finale in which the remaining home cooks prepare an entire meal. One of the winner’s dishes will grace the cover of a companion book, “The Great American Recipe Cookbook,” which will also feature recipes from all of the contestants and the show’s host and judges.

The home cooks range in age from late 20s to 60s and also include a sport operations specialist from Minneapolis; a small business owner from Boise Idaho, with two boys; and a digital content creator from San Luis Obispo, California, who makes a mean choriqueso. It is clear they are the rock star food people of their circles.

And the bonds among them grow to the point that survivor’s guilt sets in. “Anytime there was an elimination, it was like almost everyone else was more sad about the elimination than the actual person that was going home,” says Ramos.

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): A comforting security blanket is being offered to you by the universe. Don’t worry about the possibilities — instead, focus on reality. In addition, a respected woman could come forward with some helpful advice to change your perspective.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Currently, you can say what you mean and mean what you say, making it easy for you to get your point across. Round up some friends for a night out, perhaps to see a movie or check out a restaurant. You could discover a spot that will become a regular hangout.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A pleasant combination of productivity and play may be inspiring you now. Solutions to old problems can emerge from the most unexpected places. Keep an open mind and let the universe take you wherever it may. You should wind up at the finish line sooner than you’d expect.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Today is all about being grateful for the people in your life, especially those friends who make you feel part of a community. It’s a good idea to say yes to any invitations that come your way because they’re practically guaranteed to end up being incredibly rewarding experiences.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On June 23, 1860, a congressional resolution authorized creation of the United States Government Printing Office, which opened the following year.

In 1888, abolitionist

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Something special is coming your way — it could arrive so suddenly that it seems to have been sparked from nowhere. You have the ability to secure support and find aid without asking, so if you need a helping hand, then let people know. You might get more than you could have hoped for.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Possibilities are currently waiting for you, reminding you that any boundaries you might perceive are often figments of your imagination. Even the walls that are difficult to overcome on your own aren’t insurmountable. Other people can help you knock them down.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Partial effort probably won’t get you many rewards at this time, making it easier than usual to give it your all. With this energy boosting you along, you could make major progress at work or earn a bonus for a job well done. Don’t be afraid to ask for prizes you’ve earned.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): People can provide you with ample opportunities to enjoy life at the moment. Instead of trying to control everything, sit back and let someone else take over the wheel. There will be plenty of time for you to enjoy yourself during the ride, so just relax and see where you wind up.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can move mountains today — if only you believe in yourself. With these areas of your chart in the spotlight, you’re empowered to get out there and tackle any outstanding tasks you might have put on the back burner. You can plow through them more quickly than expected.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can have more fun with someone by your side. The universe calls you to enjoy the day as much as possible. Invite someone special along for a day of activities that bring a smile to your face. Even if you can’t dedicate the whole day to fun, at least square away a few hours.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Today is all about nurturing yourself. This is not the time to worry about anyone else’s schedule or opinions. There is no need to force anything. Consider doing something that makes you feel better on a physical level, whether that’s getting in a workout or calling it an early night.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You’ve likely got lots to say right now, Pisces, making it easy for you to turn your ideas into something concrete. Even if you’re not entirely sure what you want to share with people, set aside time for recording your thoughts. What comes out could surprise you in delightful ways.

Frederick Douglass received one vote from the Kentucky delegation at the Republican convention in Chicago, effectively making him the first Black candidate to have his name placed in nomination for U.S. president. (The nomination went to Benjamin Harrison.)

In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on a

round-the-world flight that lasted eight days and 15 hours.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman’s veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, designed to limit the power of organized labor.

In 2016, Britain voted to leave the EU after a referendum campaign.

BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: BANDS

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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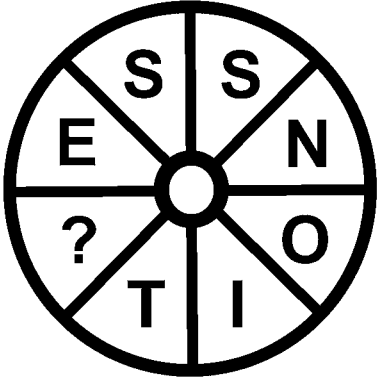
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91-80 = Gamer
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- 32 A-E connection
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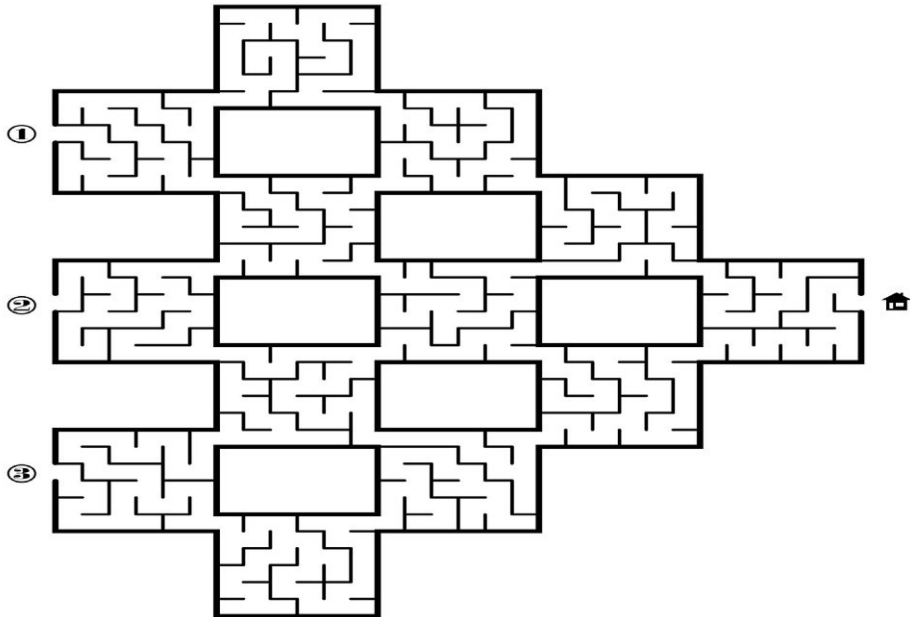
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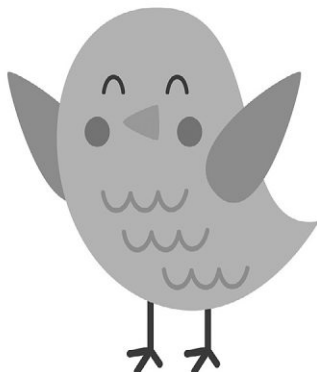
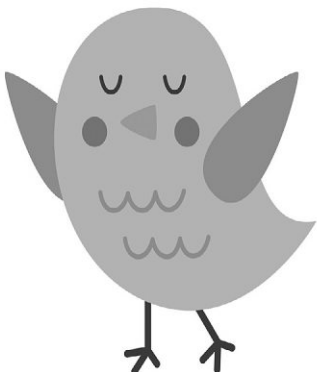
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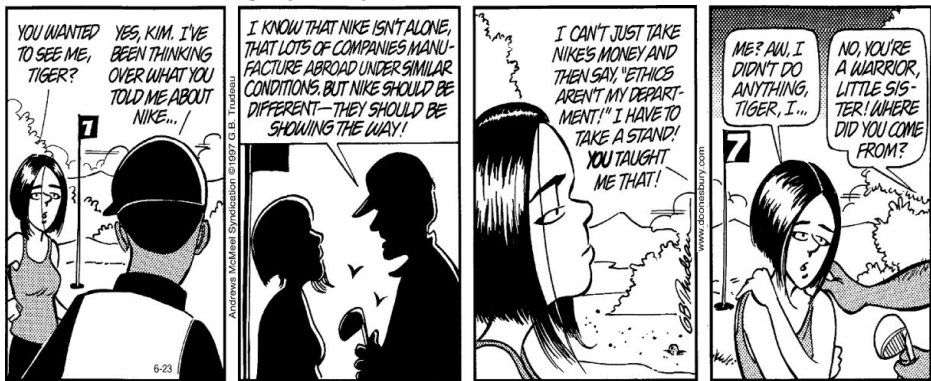
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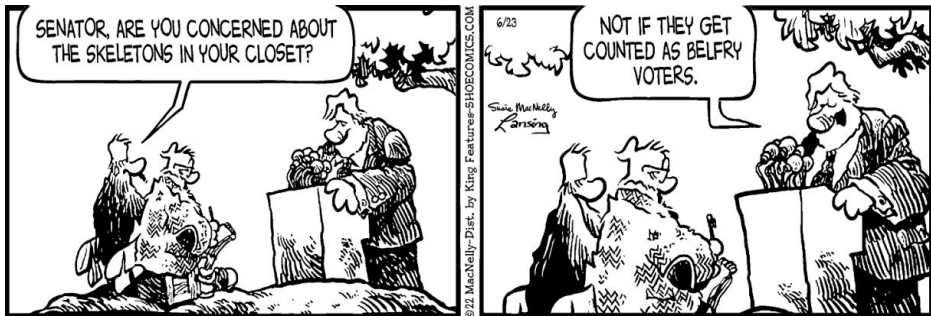
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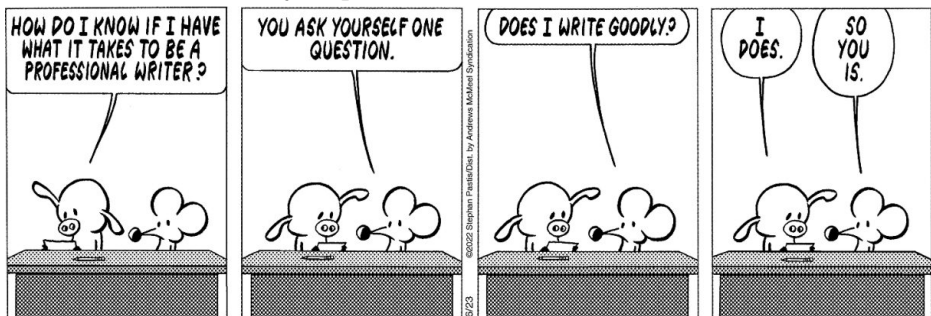
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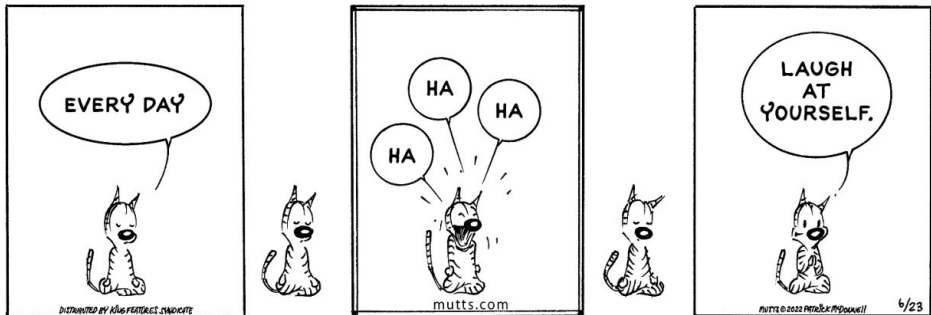
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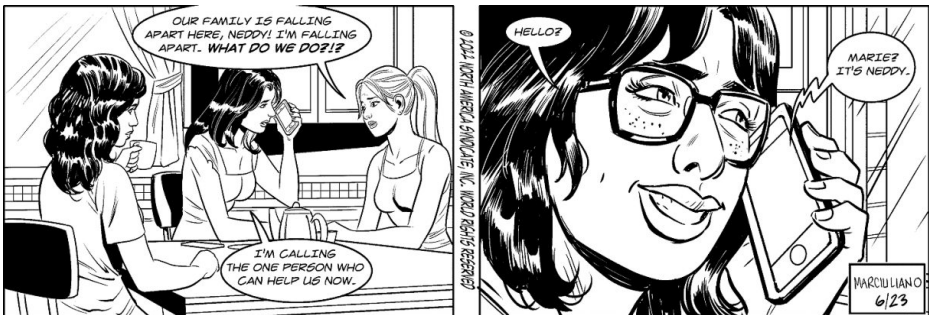
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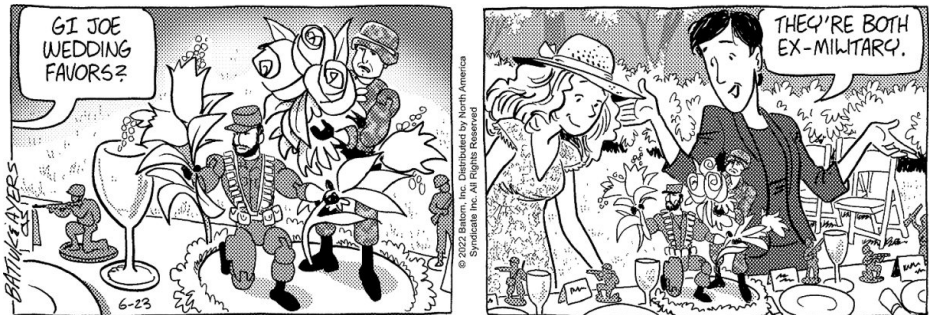
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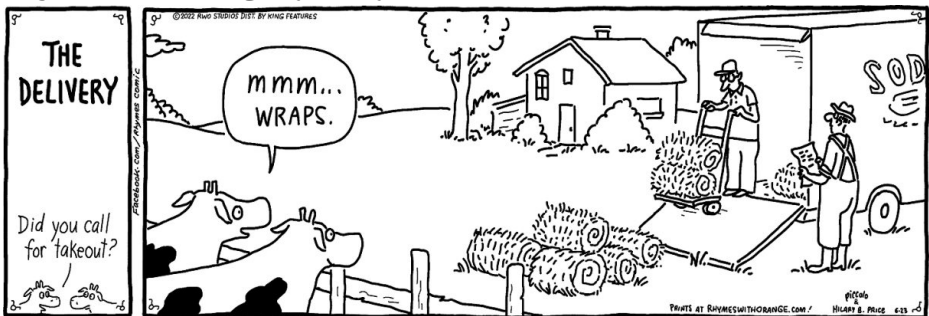
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WNBA ALL-STAR GAME

Griner added as honorary member

Former UConn greats Stewart, Bird, Sun's Jonquel Jones named as starters for game

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brittney Griner will have a place at the WNBA All-Star Game, being named an honorary starter Wednesday by Commissioner Cathy Engelbert.

Griner has been detained in Russia since Feb. 17 after authorities at an airport outside of Moscow said she had vape cartridges containing cannabis oil in her bag.

“During each season of Brittney’s career in which there has been an All-Star Game, she has been selected as an All-Star,” Engelbert said. “It is not difficult to imagine that if BG were here with us this season, she would once again be selected and would, no doubt, show off her incredible talents. So, it is only fitting that she be named as an honorary starter today and we continue to work on her safe return to the U.S.”

The State Department in May designated Griner as wrongfully detained, moving her case under the supervision of its special presidential envoy for hostage affairs, who is effectively the government’s chief

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NBA DRAFT

Magic’s moment

Smith? Holmgren? Banchero? Orlando has plenty of choices with top overall pick

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Paolo Banchero thinks he should be No. 1. Jabari Smith Jr. is sure he won’t go beyond No. 2. Chet Holmgren would be happy with either.

The freshmen have been considered the top three players available, in some order, in the NBA draft. The Orlando Magic will determine who goes first on Thursday night, with the Oklahoma City Thunder and Houston Rockets slated to follow.

Smith, who led Auburn to its first No. 1 ranking, gives a slight edge to himself but is impressed by all three.

“I think I’m perfect because just my ability to affect both sides of the ball and my ability to knock down shots and affect winning at such an early age and early part of my game,” Smith said. “So I feel like that’s

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NBA draft

8 p.m. from Barclays Center, Brooklyn, ESPN



Yankees relief pitcher Clay Holmes throws a pitch during the eighth inning against the Orioles on May 18 in Baltimore. **TERRANCE WILLIAMS/AP**
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YANKEES

Workload for top relievers King, Holmes is concerning

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — In the bottom of the eighth inning Tuesday night, Michael King popped up onto the bullpen mound. The Yankees’ reliable right-hander had been noticeably missing from the game the night before. Manager Aaron Boone had explained that they were managing King’s work-

load carefully. As soon as Giancarlo Stanton grounded into a double play ending the Yankees’ chance at tying it, King sat right back down.

That is the tough spot Boone and the Yankees are in with their bullpen right now. King and Clay Holmes have been terrific, reliable and dominant. The bullpen has also been hit by injuries. So King and Holmes are among the 12 relievers with the heaviest work-

loads in baseball so far this season.

King has made 22 appearances to this point. He made 22 appearances last year in the major leagues and three in the minors. The 27-year-old has pitched 37.1 innings, including two against the Blue Jays on Saturday, which put the brakes on Boone using him Monday night. The 37.1 innings are

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GOLF TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Back on course



Scottie Scheffler, the world’s No. 1 player, tees off on No. 18 during play in Wednesday’s annual Travelers Championship celebrity pro-am at TPC River Highlands. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Monahan throws down the PGA’s gauntlet right into the face of Saudis’ billions



Dom Amore

CROMWELL — Jay Monahan played his collegiate golf at Trinity College, and he also played hockey there. In his fifth year as commissioner of the PGA Tour, he may need recall all of his old forechecking, elbowing and slashing skills because he’s in a fight for his organization’s life, and there is no skating through or away from it.

“I am not naïve,” Monahan said at the start of a 40-minute press conference at the TPC River Highlands, where the Travelers Championship begins Thursday. “If this is an arms race and if the only weapons here are dollar bills, the PGA



PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan is bearing his teeth, ready to fight the threat the Saudi-funded LIV Golf tour is posing to his organization’s long-establish preeminence in golf. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Tour, an American institution, can’t compete with a foreign monarchy that is spending billions of dollars in an attempt to buy the game of golf. We welcome good, healthy competition. The LIV Saudi Golf League is not that. It’s an irrational threat; one not concerned with the return on investment or true growth of the game.”

Monahan, 52, was speaking

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Stellar field, including world’s No. 1 and 2, awaits as crowds are welcomed back

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

CROMWELL — The world’s current top-ranked golfer, Scottie Scheffler, didn’t make the cut at last year’s Travelers Championship. Instead of being among the field on Sunday like he’s gotten used to since, Scheffler was on a plane trying to get WiFi.

He needed to watch Harris English and Kramer Hickock “battle it out” in their epic eight-hole playoff, eventually won by English as darkness descended over the course.

Scheffler leads a Travelers Championship field that features four of the world’s top-10 golfers. Beginning on Thursday, the TPC River Highlands course that has provided so many PGA highlights will be fully reopened, welcoming as many fans as it can hold for the first time since 2019 despite the controversy brought on by the arrival of the Saudi-backed LIV Golf series.

Not only has Scheffler never made it to the weekend at Travelers, to his own surprise, he’s also never competed in front of the

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event’s full crowd. There were no spectators in 2020 and last year was capped at 10,000 per day.

“Well, shoot, if last year wasn’t full fans that was pretty exciting,” he said. “There were some loud roars and watching that playoff on TV was really cool, especially with those putts the guys were making. If that wasn’t full fans, then I’m really excited to see what it’s going to be like this week. I haven’t been in contention at this event either, so I haven’t really gotten the full feel of everything and playing in front of large crowds is always a good time.”

Once again the Travelers boasts a stellar field. Not only are the world’s No. 1 and 2 here in Scheffler and Rory McIlroy, but No. 6

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Red Sox: at Guardians, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Guardians, Saturday, 6 p.m.; at Guardians, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Yankees: Astros, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Astros, Friday, 7 p.m.; Astros, Saturday, 1 p.m.
Mets: at Marlins, Friday, 6:30 p.m.; at Marlins, Saturday, 4 p.m.; at Marlins, Sunday, noon
Yard Goats: at Somerset, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Somerset, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Somerset, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Sun: at Dream, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Sky, Wednesday, noon; Mystics, July 3, 1 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: Louisville City, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Colorado Springs, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Detroit City, July 6, 7:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL
12 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
12:30 p.m.: Los Angeles Dodgers at Cincinnati Reds. (Live) SPRTNET
2 p.m.: Men's College World Series TBA vs Oklahoma. (Live) ESPN
3:30 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
6:30 p.m.: Charlotte Knights at Worcester Red Sox. (Live) NESN
7 p.m.: Houston Astros at New York Yankees. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9
7 p.m.: Men's College World Series TBA vs Ole Miss. (Live) ESPN2
7 p.m.: MLB Network Showcase. (Live) MLB
11 p.m.: Philadelphia Phillies at San Diego Padres. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
8 p.m.: WNBA: Indiana Fever at Dallas Wings. (Live) CBSSN
10 p.m.: WNBA: Washington Mystics at Seattle Storm. (Live) CBSSN
GOLF
6:30 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf BMW International Open, First Round. (Live) GOLF
11 a.m.: KPMG Women's PGA Championship First Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: Travelers Championship, First Round. (Live) GOLF
10:30 p.m.: U.S. Senior Open Championship First Round. (Taped) GOLF
HOCKEY
12 p.m.: Memorial Cup Hockey Saint John Sea Dogs vs Edmonton Oil Kings. (Taped) NHL
2 p.m.: Stanley Cup Final Colorado Avalanche at Tampa Bay Lightning. (Taped) NHL
6 p.m.: Memorial Cup Hockey Shawinigan Cataractes vs Hamilton Bulldogs. (Live) NHL
SOCCER
11 a.m.: Copa do Brazil Soccer Fortaleza at Ceara. (Taped) FSP
1 p.m.: Copa do Brazil Soccer Corinthians vs Santos. (Taped) FSP
7 p.m.: Copa do Brazil Soccer Sao Paulo vs Pa.m.: iras. (Live) FSP
9 p.m.: Copa do Brazil Soccer Fluminense vs Cruzeiro. (Same-day Tape) FSP
SOFTBALL
7 p.m.: AUX Softball Team Blue vs. Team Orange. (Live) ESPN
9:30 p.m.: AUX Softball Team Gold vs. Team Orange. (Live) ESPN

ASTROS 5, METS 3

Alvarez belts 2 homers as Astros finish sweep

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Yordan Alvarez homered twice as the Houston Astros dispatched the New York Mets with ease in a 5-3 win to complete a two-game sweep Wednesday.

Next up, a trip to the Big Apple to face the MLB-leading New York Yankees and slugger Aaron Judge, the only player who's hit more homers than Alvarez this season.

"Whenever a player goes to New York and plays there, it's just really exciting with the history of

that team and the ballpark," Alvarez through a translator. "We know they're a really good team so we're just going to compete and try to win."

Alvarez hit two of the season-high three homers allowed by Carrasco (8-3). T The right-hander exited with lower back tightness in the third inning with the Astros up 5-1.

Alvarez, who also homered Tuesday night, now has 21 this season to move into a tie with Mike Trout for second-most in the majors — Judge had 25 going into Wednesday

night's game at Tampa Bay.

The home run barrage by Alvarez in this series comes after he missed Sunday's game with a minor hand injury.

The 24-year-old Alvarez leads all players with a 1.064 OPS and has hit nine homers in his last 20 games.

Asked if this is the best he's ever felt at the plate Alvarez thought for a second before answering.

"It could be," he said with a smile. "I'm not sure."

Alex Bregman added a two-run homer for the Astros, who won their third straight.

The National League-leading Mets entered this series having won four of five games but continued to struggle in Houston, where they've dropped eight in a row.

Scherzer injury update: Max Scherzer (oblique strain) could come off the injured list to start Sunday. Manager Buck Showalter said after the game that he thinks the plan is for Scherzer to meet the team in Miami to make that start but that he had to talk to general manager Billy Eppler later Wednesday to confirm it.



Red Sox manager Alex Cora stands in the dugout during the seventh inning of a game against the Athletics on June 15 in Boston. **MATT STONE/BOSTON HERALD**

RED SOX COMMENTARY

How Sox are playing their best baseball since 2018

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Forty games ago, the Red Sox looked lifeless.

Usually you can't jump to conclusions when 80% of the season remains, but the way this team was hitting (they weren't), the inability to trust a majority of the pitchers coming out of the bullpen and a general clumsiness with which the Red Sox handled their business all pointed in the same direction.

Flash forward to Tuesday, when Alex Cora said he's finally found "flow" with the way he's able to manage this roster and he craftily maneuvered his way to a 5-4 win over the Detroit Tigers.

The Red Sox moved to 28-12 in their last 40. It's the club's best 40-game span since 2018, Cora's debut season in which the Sox won 106 games and cruised to a World Series title while going 11-3 in the playoffs.

It's taken a lot of work, but Cora and Co. have finally figured out the 2022 team.

A lot has changed since April. The Red Sox have reminded us that the best bullpen is often a starting rotation that eats innings.

The Sox rank eighth in innings thrown by their starters during their 40-game hot streak, despite averaging fewer than 85 pitches per start.

The five main starters — Nathan Eovaldi (currently on the injured list with a back injury), Garrett Whitlock (on the IL with a hip injury), Nick Pivetta, Michael Wacha and Rich Hill — have a combined 3.42 ERA on the year while the club is 16-5 when a starter goes six innings, which they've started doing with regularity.

Without needing to go to the bullpen in the fifth inning, the Red Sox can better use their bullpen to prioritize only the guys throwing the ball well.

Moving Tanner Houck to the bullpen seemed confusing at first,

particularly given how well Whitlock was doing in the ace reliever role and the way Houck had pitched as a starter dating back to late last year. But with Houck 5-for-5 in save chances and providing stability in the back of the bullpen, Cora has been able to lean on Matt Strahm and John Schreiber as his primary set-up guys, while Austin Davis and Tyler Danish have turned into reliable options in the middle innings.

"The roster on Opening Day is not the final puzzle," Cora said. "The final puzzle is when you get the last out in October and you're the only one standing. You're going to make adjustments and keep adding and subtracting and making adjustments throughout different situations. But being able to maximize our roster in a way we feel comfortable on a nightly basis, mix and match and do stuff that probably early on we were a little short, but it feels now that we're in the flow of things."

YANKEES

Boone ready to welcome Astros for 'intense' series

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — It could be a preview for October. This weekend the Astros come to the Bronx with the second-best record in the American League and a whole lot of bad blood. Obviously, Yankees fans — and some in the organization — are still peeved about 2017. The Bombers feel the Astros' cheating system robbed them of a World Series appearance that year and Aaron Judge of a Most Valuable Player award.

Last season, the Astros visited the Bronx early in the season, before the COVID pandemic regulations on large gatherings were relaxed.

They got an intense reaction, but not the full force of the Bleacher Creatures and the Bronx best.

"I hope it's civil and people are behaving," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said before Wednesday's series finale against the Rays at Tropicana Field. "But there's no question anytime we get together, and it's gonna be over a weekend during the summer months, it's going to be intense."

"But hopefully good, clean, civil, fun for the crowds."

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the second most by a reliever in the majors. He trails only Baltimore's Keegan Akin in innings thrown out of the bullpen this year. Holmes has thrown 32 innings, the 12th-most in the majors as of Wednesday morning.

No other division-leading team had a reliever in the top 12 of innings pitched.

Obviously, both King and Holmes have been affected by the Yankees taking hits to their bullpen this season. They lost Chad Green for the year when he had Tommy John surgery. Green would have shouldered some of those innings King has pitched. Jonathan Loaisiga (shoulder inflammation) and Aroldis Chapman (Achilles) have been out since late May. Loaisiga would have pitched some of those high-leverage innings Holmes has been working and with Chapman out, Holmes has been closing.

The good news is that the Yankees are expecting help in the bullpen soon. Chapman is expected to make a rehab appearance and Loaisiga is throwing. Domingo German, who is scheduled to make his first rehab appearance Wednesday night with the Low-A Tampa Tarpons, is on the clock and making his way back. He's been a starter, but has also worked very effectively out of the bullpen. He could take some of those high-stress, high-leverage innings off the shoulders of King and Holmes, too.

RED SOX NOTES

Unvaccinated Duran to miss series in Toronto

By Rich Thompson
Boston Herald

BOSTON — The Red Sox will be without their fastest outfielder when they visit the Rogers Centre in Toronto for the start of a three-game series against the Blue Jays on June 27.

Jarren Duran is unvaccinated against the coronavirus and would not be allowed inside the Dominion of Canada.

"He is not vaccinated and he's not going anywhere," Red Sox manager Alex Cora said.

Going into Wednesday night's series finale with the Detroit Tigers, Duran had played in nine games with a .303 batting average and a .863 OPS.

Trip down did good: Ryan Brasier is rapidly atoning for a bad start to the season.

Brasier has been one of the Red Sox most effective middle innings relief pitchers since being recalled from Triple-A Worcester on May 28.

A bad inning waiting to happen out of the bullpen in the opening weeks of the season, the right-hander began the campaign 0-2 with a 6.28 ERA and 10 runs allowed in 14 ½ innings that included five home runs.

Those numbers compelled Red Sox manager Alex Cora to assign Brasier to Worcester. Brasier's repentance in Triple A came at a juncture in the season where he had plenty of time to identify and

remedy the problems.

"Some times when they kick your butt and you get demoted, you get something and you get going," Cora said prior to Wednesday night's series finale with the Detroit Tigers at Fenway Park. "I don't believe that's the case but maybe. Last year the same thing, a similar thing, happened although he didn't pitch in Triple A. But when he came back, he was close to what we saw in '18."

"This year he was getting hit hard and now he's using his fastball a little bit different compared to a month ago. His slider is better and you can see the confidence."

Brasier owns a 2.25 ERA in his last 10 appearances with three earned runs in 12 innings. Brasier

has been good locating the strike zone with only one walk in his last 12 outings. In 11 outings at Fenway, Brasier has allowed four earned runs in 15 ½ innings and a 2.38 ERA.

Kiké not ready: Red Sox center fielder and leadoff hitter Kiké Hernandez remains out with a hip flexor strain and is unlikely make the trip to Cleveland. Hernandez was placed on the 10-day injured list back on June 8.

Cora is hopeful he will be back in the lineup for the Red Sox three game series against the Toronto Blue Jays beginning on Monday night at the Rogers Centre.

"Better but not what we expected," Cora said.

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hostage negotiator.

Russian state-run news agency Tass reported last week that Griner's detention was extended until at least July 2. Another American, Paul Whelan, has been held in Russia since December 2018 on espionage charges he and the U.S. government say are false.

Former UConn star Breanna Stewart and A'ja Wilson received the most votes from fans and were selected as co-captains for the event. They will be joined by Sue Bird and Sylvia Fowles, who both have announced they will retire at the end of the season. Bird will

set a record with her 13th All-Star appearance. Fowles, who is injured right now, was selected for her eighth game.

Stewart and Fowles will be paired up as co-captains, as will Wilson and Bird, and will choose their teams.

Joining Wilson, Stewart and Fowles in the frontcourt are Connecticut's Jonquel Jones, Los Angeles's Nneka Ogwumike and Chicago's Candace Parker. The starting guards, in addition to Bird, are New York's Sabrina Ionescu and Las Vegas teammates Kelsey Plum and Jackie Young.

"For icons like Sylvia and Sue to be voted into the AT&T WNBA All-Star Game as starters in their 15th and 19th seasons, respectively, is extraordinary," Engelbert

said. "And when you see the starting lineups dotted with first-time All-Stars like Sabrina Ionescu, Kelsey Plum, and Jackie Young, it just seems right that Sylvia and Sue — who have said this will be their final season — join A'ja and Breanna as co-captains for an All-Star event that will in some ways symbolize the passing of the torch to a new generation of WNBA stars."

Starters were chosen by a combination of fan, media and player voting.

The league's coaches will vote for the 12 reserves and the co-captains will draft their rosters on July 2. The game will take place on July 10 in Chicago with a 3-point competition and skills challenge the day before.

LIBERTY 81, SUN 77

New York makes 13 3s in win over Sun

Associated Press

UNCASVILLE — Stefanie Dolson scored 16 points, including one of New York's 13 3-pointers with 1:29 left, and Sabrina Ionescu had 11 points, 11 rebounds and six assists to help the Liberty beat the Connecticut Sun 81-77 on Wednesday night.

New York set a season high for first-half points with 51 after shooting 48.7% from the field, including 10 of 21 behind the arc. Six different New York players made a 3-pointer in the first half, including every starter. The Liberty finished at 44.9% overall,

going 13 of 32 from behind the arc.

Sami Whitcomb made her fourth 3-pointer, capping a 7-0 run, to extend New York's lead to 65-54 midway through the third quarter.

Whitcomb and Natasha Howard each scored 14 points and Marine Johannes added 11 for New York (7-10). Ionescu missed a free throw with 8.7 seconds left to break her string of 36 straight makes.

Courtney Williams scored 16 points for Connecticut (12-6). Jonquel Jones, Brionna Jones and DeWanna Bonner each scored 12, and Natisha Hiedeman added 11 points.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	50	18	.735	—	—	8-2	L-1	29-7	21-11
Toronto	39	30	.565	11 ½	—	4-6	W-1	21-14	18-16
Boston	38	31	.551	12 ½	—	7-3	W-3	19-16	19-15
Tampa Bay	37	31	.544	13	½	3-7	W-1	22-14	15-17
Baltimore	30	39	.435	20 ½	8	6-4	L-1	17-17	13-22

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	35	28	.556	—	—	8-2	W-2	16-10	19-18
Minnesota	38	31	.551	—	—	5-5	L-2	20-15	18-16
Chicago	33	34	.493	4	4	6-4	L-1	15-18	18-16
Detroit	26	42	.382	11 ½	11 ½	2-8	L-2	18-22	8-20
Kansas City	25	42	.373	12	12	5-5	W-2	12-21	13-21

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	43	25	.632	—	—	7-3	W-3	20-11	23-14
Texas	33	35	.485	10	4 ½	6-4	W-2	16-18	17-17
Los Angeles	33	38	.465	11 ½	6	4-6	L-2	17-20	16-18
Seattle	30	39	.435	13 ½	8	3-7	W-1	15-18	15-21
Oakland	23	46	.333	20 ½	15	3-7	L-1	8-26	15-20

BOX SCORES

TORONTO 9, CHI. WHITE SOX 5

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Espinal 2b	4	2	1	0	0	.267
Bichette ss	5	1	2	4	1	.260
Guerrero Jr. 1b	5	1	1	0	1	.264
Kirk dh	5	1	2	2	0	.307
Hernandez rf	4	1	2	2	1	.253
Chapman 3b	4	1	1	0	1	.214
Tapia cf	4	0	0	0	1	.256
Zimmer cf	0	0	0	0	0	.111
Gurriel Jr. lf	4	1	2	1	0	.279
Moreno c	4	1	2	0	0	.393
TOTALS	39	9	13	9	5	
White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mendick ss	1	0	1	0	0	.289
L.Garcia ss-cf	4	0	0	0	0	.189
Robert 1b-2b	5	1	3	0	0	.333
Vaughn cf	3	0	1	1	1	.300
Zavala 1b	2	1	1	0	0	.286
Abreu dh	3	1	1	0	0	.262
Thurmer 3b	5	1	2	1	1	.261
McGuire c	4	0	1	1	1	.237
Engel rf	1	0	0	0	1	.240
Pollock lf	3	0	1	1	0	.259
Haseley lf-rf	4	0	1	1	1	.222
Harrison 2b-ss	4	1	1	0	1	.217
TOTALS	39	5	13	5	7	

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E: Espinal (5). **LOB:** Toronto 4, Chicago 9.
2B: Moreno (1), Chapman (11), Hernandez (12). **3B:** Burger (1).
HR: Kirk (8), off Giolito; Bichette (11), off Giolito; Hernandez (7), off Foster.
RBIs: Kirk 2(26), Gurriel Jr. (30), Bichette 4(38), Hernandez 2(28), Robert (36), McGuire (10), Burger (25), Pollock (23), Haseley (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Toronto 3(Gurriel Jr., Espinal); Chicago 5(L.Garcia 3, Burger 2).
RISP: Toronto 4for 11; Chicago 3for 11.
Runners moved up: Guerrero Jr., Abreu.
GIDP: Hernandez, Vaughn, Burger. **DP:** Toronto 2(Chapman, Espinal, Guerrero Jr.), Chapman, Espinal, Guerrero Jr.; Chicago 1(Burger, Harrison, Vaughn).

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stripling, W, 4-2	6	5	1	1	1	5	3.08
Phelps	1	3	1	1	0	1	2.93
Cimber	½	4	3	3	1	0	4.03
Thornton, H, 1	½	0	0	0	0	0	3.68
Mayza	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.08
WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Giolito, L, 4-4	5	11	7	7	1	3	5.40
Foster	½	2	2	2	0	2	5.46
Banks	2½	0	0	0	0	0	3.68
Inherited runners-scored: Thornton 3-0.							
Umpires: Home, Edwin Moscoso; First, Lance Barrett; Second, Ramon De Jesus; Third, Doug Eddings. T: 3:07. A: 19,406(40,615).							

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Cimber	⅞	4	3	3	1	0	4.03
Thornton, H, 1	⅞	0	0	0	0	0	3.68
Mazza	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.08
WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gillette, L, 4-4	5	11	7	7	1	3	5.40
Foster	⅞	2	2	0	0	2	5.46
Banks	2	0	0	0	0	0	3.68
Inherited runners scored: Thornton 3-0.							
Umpires: Home, Edwin Moscoso; First, Lance Barrett; Second, Ramon De Jesus; Third, Doug Eddings.							
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a-flied out for Gallo in the 9th.
LOB: New York 5, Tampa Bay 4.
2B: Gonzalez (6), LeMahieu (13), Walls (7), Ramirez (9).
HR: Gonzalez (2), off Poche; Paredes 2 (7), off Cortes; Ramirez (3), off Cortes; Paredes (8), off Schmidt.
RBIs: LeMahieu 2(29), Gonzalez 2(7), Paredes 4(16), Ramirez (23).
Runners left in scoring position: New York 2(Rizzo, Torres); Tampa Bay 2(Phillips, Mejia).
RISP: New York 2for 10; Tampa Bay 0 for 3. **Runners moved up:** Arozarena.
GIDP: Stanton. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1(Walls, Brujan, Paredes).
NY YANKEES IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Cortes, L, 6-3 4½ 6 4 4 0 3 2.31
 Schmidt ½ 2 1 1 0 0 3.13
 Marinaccio 2 0 0 0 0 0 2.86
 Luetge 1 0 0 0 0 2 3.61
TAMPA BAY IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Beeks ½ 2 2 2 2 2 1.82
 Armstrong, W, 1-1½ ½ 1 0 0 0 3 1.69
 Wisler, H, 6 2 1 0 0 0 1 2.14
 Thompson, H, 4 1 0 0 0 0 1 5.87
 B.Raley, H, 10 ½ 0 0 0 0 2 2.27
 Adam, H, 9 ½ 0 0 0 0 0 1.20
 Poche, S, 5-6 1 1 2 2 1 1 2.01
Inherited runners-scored: Schmidt 1-1, Armstrong 2-2, Adam 2-0. **HBP:** Marinaccio (Paredes). **WP:** B.Raley, P.B. Mejia (3). **Umpires:** Home, Marvin Hudson; First, Junior Valentine; Second, John Tumpane; Third, Ryan Blakney. T: 2:42. A: 20,688(25,000).

ON THIS DATE
JUNE 23
1917: In baseball's greatest relief effort, Ernie Shore of the Boston Red Sox came in for Babe Ruth with nobody out and a man on first. The base runner was cut down stealing and Shore retired all 26 batters he faced to gain a 4-0 victory over Washington. Ruth walked Eddie Foster to open the game and was ejected after arguing with umpire Brick Owens.
1950: Hoot Evers' winning home run in the ninth inning gave the Detroit Tigers a 10-9 victory over the New York Yankees as the teams combined for 11 home runs, a major league record. The Yankees hit six and the Tigers five.
1963: Jimmie Piersall, playing for the Mets in New York, hit his 100th career home run and celebrated by running around the bases backward.
1971: Rick Wise of the Philadelphia Phillies pitched a no-hitter against the Cincinnati Reds.
1972: Rick Wise became the first pitcher to hit two homers while throwing a no-hitter.
1973: Pitcher Ken Brett of the Philadelphia Phillies hit a home run in the fourth consecutive game that he pitched in June. He beat Montreal 7-2.

HOUSTON 5, N.Y. METS 3

NY Mets	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	3	1	1	1	1	.268
Marte rf	3	1	1	1	1	.278
Lindor ss	4	0	2	0	1	.243
Alonso dh	3	0	0	1	3	.282
Guillorme 2b	4	0	2	0	0	.333
Canha lf	3	0	0	1	1	.286
Escobar 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.231
Do Smith 1b	4	1	1	0	2	.198
Nido c	3	0	0	0	0	.219
a-Davis ph	1	0	0	0	1	.246
TOTALS	32	3	8	3	11	
Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	3	1	0	0	0	.269
Brantley dh	4	1	1	1	0	.298
Bregman 3b	3	1	2	2	0	.229
Alvarez lf	4	2	2	2	1	.315
Tucker rf	3	0	0	0	0	.258
Gurriel 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.215
McCormick cf	3	1	1	2	1	.219
Castro c	4	0	0	0	3	.101
Dubon ss	3	0	1	0	0	.262
TOTALS	31	5	7	5	7	
N.Y. Mets	001 002 000	—	3	8	0	
Houston	041 000 00x	—	5	7	0	

a-struck out for Nido in the 9th.
LOB: New York 7, Houston 6.
2B: Do Smith (5), Marte (13), Guillorme (6), Brantley (14).
HR: Bregman (8), off Carrasco; Alvarez 2 (21), off Carrasco.
RBIs: Nimmo (22), Marte (36), Alonso (66), Brantley (26), Bregman 2(32), Alvarez 2(51). **SF:** Nimmo, Alonso.
Runners left in scoring position: NYM 2 (Do Smith 2); Houston 1(Alvarez).
RISP: New York 1for 4; Houston 1for 2.
Runners moved up: Nido. **GIDP:** Marte. **DP:** Houston 1(Dubon, Altuve, Gurriel).
NY METS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Carrasco, L, 8-3 2½ 4 5 5 2 2 4.42
 Lopez 2½ 1 0 0 0 2 4.05
 Hunter ½ 1 0 0 0 0 2 0.00
 Rodriguez ½ 0 0 0 0 0 1 4.76
 E.Diaz ½ 1 0 0 0 1 2.28
HOUSTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Garcia, W, 5-5 5 6 3 3 1 5 3.68
 Stanek, H, 7 1 1 0 0 1 1 0.75
 Neris, H, 14 1 0 0 0 0 1 3.99
 Montero, H, 10 1 0 0 0 2 1.95
 Pressly, S, 14-16 1 0 0 0 0 2 2.41
Pitches-Strikes: Carrasco 53-31; López 29-20; Hunter 16-13; Rodriguez 21-15; Diaz 6-5; Garcia 83-56; Stanek 19-12; Neris 16-10; Montero 16-11; Pressly 14-10.
Inherited runners-scored: Lopez 1-0, Rodriguez 1-0, Stanek 2-1.
HBP: Carrasco (McCormick), Neris (Marte), Rodriguez (Bregman).
Umpires: Home, Adam Hamari; First, Jerry Layner; Second, Nick Mahirley; Third, David Arrieta.
 T: 3:15. A: 35,415(41,168).

LY METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Carrasco, L, 8-3	2 1/3	4	5	5	2	2	4.40
Stank, H, 14	2 1/3	2 1/2	1	0	0	1	4.00
Hunter	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Rodriguez	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
E.Diaz	1/3	1	0	0	0	1	2.70
HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Garca, W, 5-5	5	6	3	3	1	5	3.60
Stank, H, 14	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.70
Neris, H, 17	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.50
Pressly, S, 11-10	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.50
Pressly, S, 14-16	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.20
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Inherited runners scored: Lopez 1-0, Rodriguez 1-0, Stank 2-1.							
HBP: Carrasco (McCormick), Neris (Marte), Rodriguez (Bregman).							
Umpires: Home, Adam Hamari; First, Jerry Layne; Second, Nick Mahley; Third, David Arrieta.							
T: 3:15. A: 35,415 (41,168).							

a-struck out for Ortega in the 6th.
E: W.Contreras (3), Wisdom (7).
LOB: Chicago 7, Pittsburgh 5.
2B: Happ (15), Morel (8), Wisdom (14), Vogelbach (7). **3B:** Hayes (2).
HR: Wisdom (13), off R.Contreras; Perez (3), off Swarmer; Madris (1), off Leiter Jr.
RBIs: Wisdom (32), Reynolds (22), Perez (6), Vogelbach 2(22), Cruz (5), Madris (3), SB: Cruz (1). **SF:** Reynolds.
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 4(Ortega, Morel, Happ, Velazquez); Pittsburgh 3(Cruz 2, Madris).
RISP: Chicago 0for 6; Pittsburgh 2for 7.
Runners moved up: W.Contreras, Simmons, Chavis 2.

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CHI. CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Swarmer, L, 1-3	4	5	5	4	2	5	5.84
Hughes	1	1	1	1	1	1	3.24
Leiter Jr.	3	1	1	1	1	4	5.75
PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
R.Contreras, W, 2-15	4	1	1	2	3	2	2.89
Banda	2	1	0	0	0	2	5.89
Stratton	1	1	0	0	0	5	5.74
De Los Santos	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.08
WP: Swarmer.							
Umpires: Home, Phil Cuzzi; First, Malachi Moore; Second, Cory Blaser; Third, Mark Ripberger.							
T: 2:44. A: 11,254(38,747).							

1984: Chicago's Ryne Sandberg hit two late-inning home runs off St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Bruce Sutter to tie the game twice as the Cubs went on to win 12-11 in 11 innings. Sandberg led off the ninth inning with a solo home run to tie the game 9-9 then hit a two-run, two-out homer in the 10th to tie the game 11-11. Willie McGee hit for the cycle and drove in six runs for St. Louis.
2000: Bret Boone drives in six runs when he hits three home runs in the Padres' 10-7 victory over Cincinnati. Ruben Rivera's three-run homer in the top of the tenth inning off the Scott Williamson proves to be the difference in the Cnergy Field contest.
1993: At the Kingdom, Jay Buhner becomes the first player in Mariners' history to hit for the cycle. The right fielder triples in the 14th inning to complete the task, scoring the winning run in the team's 8-7 victory over the A's.
2008: Felix Hernandez hit the first grand slam by an American League pitcher in 37 years, then departed with a sprained ankle before he could qualify for a win in Seattle's 5-2 victory over the New York Mets. The shot to

TEXAS 4, PHILADELPHIA 2

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber lf	4	1	1	2	2	.214
Hoskins 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.250
Harper dh	3	0	1	0	1	.333
Castellanos rf	4	0	0	0	2	.250
Realmuto c	4	0	0	0	0	.250
Gregorius ss	4	0	1	0	1	.250
Herrera cf	4	0	0	0	0	.250
Bohm 3b	4	1	1	0	0	.250
Stott 2b	2	0	0	0	1	.143
TOTALS	33	2	5	2	8	

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Scott A. Scheffler walks across the 18th green at the Travelers Championship on Wednesday in Cromwell. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES

A day in the life ...

Scheffler tees off, stops for fans, drops his second a few feet from the cup

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

CROMWELL — Scottie Scheffler, the world's top-ranked player, cruised through the TPC River Highlands course during Wednesday's Travelers Celebrity Pro-Am. To get to the 11th hole, Scheffler had to cross a path uphill from 10 that was lined off with thin green string. On each side, young fans held out golf balls and photographs they'd purchased at the fan store across the road.

They weren't in one of the designated autograph zones and signing right in the middle of a hole is unconventional, but he stopped and signed anyway. Then he hit a shot onto the 11th green just feet away from the cup on the 158-yard hole that commenced a series of claps and cheers from that same crowd.

"Life on the golf course has changed for me significantly in the last six months. Life off the golf course hasn't really changed at all, but life on the golf course, whether it's fans watching me play a practice round or when I'm on the putting green and I finish up, there will be people always watching and it's like, 'Hey, can we have a picture, can we have an autograph and I'm more than happy to do all those things,'" Scheffler said.

The relatively new-found fan love for Scheffler comes after a season that jolted him to the top of the PGA's FedEx Cup standings. His "meteoric rise" — as PGA commissioner Jay Monahan put it Wednesday — included PGA Tour

Rookie of the Year recognition in 2020. The 2021 Ryder Cup rookie's season has included four wins in six weeks, including The Masters. "His journey is that of a true meritocracy," Monahan said. "If you're good enough, you will rise to the top. If you don't continue to earn that top spot, someone else as hungry and as talented is right there to take your place."

A bit of fatigue setting in

As some of the world's best golfers manage their way through the grind of the PGA season, world No. 2 Rory McIlroy is prepared to make Travelers his fourth straight event. He shot 3-under during Wednesday's pro-am, tied for ninth place, but noted fatigue — physically and mentally — shortly after.

"The three weeks that I've played, like Memorial's a very demanding golf course. Canada wasn't so demanding but when you get yourself in contention and you play a weekend like that, then that takes quite a lot out of you. And then you follow that up with a U.S. Open. So I think it's a combination of everything," he said. "I must say after the board meeting yesterday my head hit the pillow and I was out."

Boomer

ESPN's Chris "Boomer" Berman has been involved with the Travelers Championship since the 1990s and was among the notable celebrities that teed off in Wednesday's

pro-am. He, like many others, highlighted the event's support for the community.

"This tournament, long before a lot of us were involved with it, was one of the few that gave money back to the community. Now what it does for the community speaks for itself," he said.

Tuesday's "Gamers and Golfers" charity Twitch stream raised over \$40,000 for the tournament's primary beneficiary, The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. The organization provides summer camp-like experiences for kids with serious illnesses.

"If we live here and are proud Connecticut residents and don't help and whatever way — I don't know that me coming out and playing golf is helping but whatever they asked me to do, I do — and it's not me, it's we live here," Berman, who was born in Greenwich, said. "This is major-league sports this week in Connecticut, and it's the biggest thing we got. And if we can't put our best foot forward, what good are we?"

Late scratches

It was announced Wednesday morning that both Geno Auriemma and Bill Murray, two of the top celebrities originally set to play in the pro-am, would not compete as they were both feeling under the weather. Justin Thomas, the No. 5 ranked golfer in the world, pulled from the event after finishing his pro-am round. He quickly took to Twitter where he cited a need to treat and rest his back, which he tweaked earlier this week.

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Patrick Cantlay and No. 9 Sam Burns. Add in a sprinkling of top 20 players in Jordan Spieth, Xander Schauffele, Tony Finau and Joaquin Niemann, as well as English and Hickok and there are plenty of names to follow despite the loss of Brooks Koepka and Justin Thomas on Tuesday.

"I think the strength of field you see is just from it being hosted on a good golf course. This is a really good golf course. There's nothing really tricky about it. You're not going to have guys complaining that it's either too hard or too easy or whatever it is," Scheffler said.

Cantlay, who tied a course record when he shot a 60 in the 2011 second round as an amateur, will tee off at 12:40 p.m. on Thursday. Burns, who tied for 13th in 2021, is scheduled to follow Cantlay at 12:50 p.m.

Scheffler is out a 1 p.m. in a featured group that includes Spieth and Zach Johnson.

"It's a golf course that can produce a lot of drama, a lot of low scores and it's a great field, so it will be a good week," McIlroy said.

The setup at TPC River High-

lands surrounds a large "fan zone" in the center, with viewing areas spread out around the course. For Wednesday's rainy pro-am — which Scheffler won shooting 8-under — groups of fans followed their favorite golfers and his team of amateurs or celebrities, cheering after the club hit the ball and looking for any sort of interaction.

"It's always been a very fan-friendly event here. It's a great event, it's supported by the community, we've got a great sponsor in Travelers and it's fun," McIlroy said.

For years, the Travelers Championship and the PGA Tour have stressed a focus on supporting the communities in which they are hosted, primarily through charity. This year, the primary beneficiary is The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp — an organization that provides a summer camp experience for kids with serious illnesses in Ashford.

"It's not lost on me what PGA Tour events do to, or what they can do, for the communities that they're played in. You look at somewhere like here, the community supports this event really well in Hartford and in return I think the charitable dollars that are raised is really, really important," McIlroy said.

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just as Brooks Koepka's jump to the LIV Golf series was becoming official, which seemed to take players and officials off guard this week. "I'm surprised at a lot of these guys because they say one thing and then they do another," Rory McIlroy said. "It's pretty duplicitous on their part to say one thing and then do another thing."

It's one thing for a golfer on the back nine of his career to make the jump to play in glorified exhibitions for some guaranteed cash, but Koepka, 32, is in his prime. Maybe his choice says more about his disdain for regulations and press conferences, but the threat grows with his departure and Monahan has grown more combative to meet it.

He has history, legacy, relevance on his side. Will that be enough?

"We don't expect to overcome this current challenge by relying on our legacy and track record alone," Monahan said. "We've been on a path for a number of years to strengthen and evolve our product."

The LIV threat is not going to go away or be easily extinguished, which is why talk of it has dominated the run up to the Travelers. That's even with massive crowds expected with the end of pandemic restrictions and the presence of the top two golfers in the world, Scottie Scheffler and McIlroy, headlining another impressive field. After a series of meetings, with players and his policy board, Monahan was ready to roll out a series of planned changes designed, in short, to give PGA members opportunities to earn more guaranteed money, with fewer tournaments, and increase purse sizes at a number of events.

These changes represent modest sums compared to the nine-figure deals LIV Golf is offering — Koepka, it was reported, is receiving up to \$150 million — but Monahan is betting that, with a little more money, coupled with the long-standing prestige of the PGA Tour, the flow of defectors will stop.

"I don't know how much money I've made this year," said Scheffler, who has won four tournaments, including The Masters, and had nine top-10 finishes, "but it's definitely more than I deserve for whacking a little white golf ball around. For me, the memories that I have playing on this tour and the dreams I have of wanting to be on this tour can't be replaced by anything financial. Money's money and it's not something that I'm trying to let control how I live my life."

Of course it would be the height of naivete to suggest the PGA, down to its core, is not about money.

"We're running a business," Monahan said, "and when you're running a business, you're going to generate as

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— Jay Monahan, on LIV Golf

much revenue as you possibly can, in this case, for our members, and try and spend as efficiently as you possibly can."

That business includes several PGA sponsors who do business with the Saudi government, despite its human rights record, as LIV Golf CEO Greg Norman pointed out this week in a Fox News interview, concluding "The hypocrisy is deafening."

And it includes using every legal, rhetorical and financial weapon at its disposal to squash any rival league, the way other established sports leagues have done in the past.

"I know legacy and purpose sound like talking points that don't mean much," Monahan said. "But when I talk of those concepts, it isn't about some sort of intangible moral high ground. It is our track record as an organization and as a sport. Our members compete for the opportunity to add their names to history books, and, yes, significant financial benefits, without having to wrestle with any sort of moral ambiguity."

"Pure competition creates relevancy and context, which is what fans need and expect in order to invest their time in a sport and in a player. That's the beauty of the PGA Tour."

The beauty of the PGA Tour is what Monahan needs to be on display this week, especially Sunday afternoon when the front-runners approach the packed grandstand surrounding the 18th green. The U.S. Open, run by the USGA, had a dramatic finish in Brookline, Mass., last week. The PGA could use one this week, something the Travelers Championship has a way of delivering. Golf is needed as a diversion from its own crisis.

Monahan opened his latest manifesto with a reminder that it was at River Highlands two years ago that the PGA began pressing through COVID to lead the return of sports. If survived the pandemic and emerged stronger, he reasoned, it will survive this threat and do the same.

But there will be lots of hooking and slashing and elbowing before Monahan and his PGA linemates get through this one.

"We're going to use this moment in time to accelerate the growth of our game," Monahan said, "and do all the things that are going to provide the strength and the momentum that are needed for us to grow, get back to that core principle of best players playing on the greatest stage, which is the PGA Tour."

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TRAVELERS PAIRINGS, TEE TIMES

First round
Pairings and starting times for Thursday's opening round of the 2022 Travelers Championship:
6:45 a.m.
Tee 1: Henrik Norlander, Roger Sloan, Stephen Jaeger
Tee 10: Brian Harman, Jonas Blixt, Danny Lee
6:55 a.m.
Tee 1: Kelly Kraft, Sam Ryder, Christian Bezuidenhout
Tee 10: Davis Riley, Sahith Theegala, Max McGreevy
7:05 a.m.
Tee 1: Scott Piercy, J.J. Henry, Chesson Hadley
Tee 10: Doug Ghim, Scott Gutschewski, Brandon Wu
7:15 a.m.
Tee 1: Cam Davis, Mark Hubbard, Brandt Snedeker
Tee 10: Stewart Cink, Charles Howell III, Jason Day
7:25 a.m.
Tee 1: Lucas Glover, Si Woo Kim, Nate Lashley
Tee 10: Luke List, Sungjae Im, Tony Finau
7:35 a.m.
Tee 1: C.T. Pan, Martin Trainer, Danny Willett
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Tee 1: Andrew Landry, Brendon Todd, Lanto Griffin
Tee 10: Rory McIlroy, Kevin Kisner, Webb Simpson
7:55 a.m.
Tee 1: Martin Laird, Richy Werenski, Charley Hoffman
Tee 10: Chad Ramey, Chez Reavie, Sung Kang
8:05 a.m.
Tee 1: Jason Kokrak, Jim Herman, William McGirt
Tee 10: Harold Varner III, Matthew NeSmith, Mito Pereira
8:15 a.m.
Tee 1: Brice Garnett, James Hahn, John Huh
Tee 10: Bill Haas, Morgan Hoffman, Trey Mullinax
8:25 a.m.
Tee 1: Emiliano Grillo, Cameron Tringale, Tommy Fleetwood
Tee 10: Brian Stuard, Rory Sabbatini, Anirban Lahiri
8:35 a.m.
Tee 1: Beau Hossler, Andrew Novak, Conrad Shindler
Tee 10: Dawie van der Walt, Paul Barjon, Patrick Moore
8:45 a.m.
Tee 1: Bo Hoag, Dylan Wu, Cole Hammer
Tee 10: Russell Sigg, Austin Smotherman, Michael Thorbjornsen
Noon
Tee 1: Wyndham Clark, Aaron Rai, Adam Svensson
Tee 10: Russell Knox, Doc Redman, Hayden Buckley
12:10 p.m.
Tee 1: Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Hank Lebioda, Taylor Moore
Tee 10: Austin Cook, Maverick McNealy, David Lipsky

12:20 p.m.
Tee 1: Andrew Putnam, Brendan Steele, Lee Hodges
Tee 10: Tyler Duncan, Aaron Wise, Matthias Schwab
12:30 p.m.
Tee 1: J.J. Spaun, Dylan Frittelli, Kevin Tway
Tee 10: Ryan Brehm, Robert Streb, Luke Donald
12:40 p.m.
Tee 1: Patrick Cantlay, Harris English, Marc Leishman
Tee 10: K.H. Lee, Sepp Straka, Patton Kizzire
12:50 p.m.
Tee 1: Sam Burns, Joel Dahmen, Keegan Bradley
Tee 10: Cameron Champ, J.T. Poston, Matthew Wolff
1 p.m.
Tee 1: Jordan Spieth, Scottie Scheffler, Zach Johnson
Tee 10: Garrick Higgo, Carlos Ortiz, Ryan Palmer
1:10 p.m.
Tee 1: K.H. Lee, Sepp Straka, Patton Kizzire
Tee 10: Joaquin Niemann, Keith Mitchell, Kramer Hickok
Tee 10: Seamus Power, Rickie Fowler, Adam Long
1:20 p.m.
Tee 1: Troy Merritt, Jhonattan Vegas, Scott Stallings
Tee 10: Peter Malnati, Nick Watney, Denny McCarthy
1:30 p.m.
Tee 1: Matt Wallace, Harry Higgs, Vince Whaley
Tee 10: Mackenzie Hughes, Kevin Streelman, Brandon Hagy
1:40 p.m.
Tee 1: Adam Schenk, Alex Smalley, Christopher Gotterup
Tee 10: Joseph Bramlett, David Skins, Jared Wolfe
1:50 p.m.
Tee 1: Ben Kohles, Nick Hardy, Callum Tarren
Tee 10: Michael Gligic, Joshua Creel, Ben Silverman
2 p.m.
Tee 1: Seth Reeves, Justin Lower, Benjamin James
Tee 10: Curtis Thompson, Brett Drewitt, Adam D'Amario
Second round
Pairings and starting times for Friday's second round of the 2022 Travelers Championship:
6:45 a.m.
Tee 1: Russell Knox, Doc Redman, Hayden Buckley
Tee 10: Wyndham Clark, Aaron Rai, Adam Svensson
6:55 a.m.
Tee 1: Austin Cook, Maverick McNealy, David Lipsky
Tee 10: Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Hank Lebioda, Taylor Moore
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Tee 10: Andrew Putnam, Brendan Steele, Lee Hodges
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Tee 10: Troy Merritt, Jhonattan Vegas, Scott Stallings
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Tee 10: Cam Davis, Mark Hubbard, Brandt Snedeker
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Tee 10: Lucas Glover, Si Woo Kim, Nate Lashley
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Tee 1: Harold Varner III, Matthew NeSmith, Mito Pereira
Tee 10: Jason Kokrak, Jim Herman, William McGirt
1:30 p.m.
Tee 1: Bill Haas, Morgan Hoffman, Trey Mullinax

BRITISH OPEN

Tourney to allow golfers from Saudi-backed series to play

Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Players who have joined the new Saudi Arabia-funded league will still be allowed to compete at the British Open next month, organizers said Wednesday.

The U.S. Open had allowed players who were banned by the PGA Tour for signing up to the LIV Golf series to play at last week's tournament.

"Players who are exempt or have earned a place through qualifying for the 150th Open in accordance with

the entry terms and conditions will be able to compete in the Championship at St. Andrews," R&A chief executive Martin Slumbers said in a statement.

The world's oldest major championship begins July 14.

"The Open is golf's original

championship and since it was first played in 1860, openness has been fundamental to its ethos and unique appeal," Slumbers said.

Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson headlined LIV Golf's inaugural tournament held this month outside London and won by former Masters

champion Charl Schwartzel, who collected \$4.75 million. The league is bankrolled by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund.

Mickelson, a six-time major champion who has become the face of the LIV league, missed the cut at The Country Club last week.

SCOREBOARD

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINALS
Colorado 2, Tampa Bay 1
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
G1: June 15: Colorado, 4-3 (OT)
G2: June 18: Colorado 7-0.
G3: June 20: Tampa Bay 6-2.
G4: Wednesday: at Tampa Bay, late
G5: Friday: at Colorado, 8 p.m.
x-G6: Sunday: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-G7: June 28: at Colorado, 8 p.m.

POSTSEASON STATS										
COLORADO	GP	G	A	PT	S	ATOI				
Cale Makar	17	7	19	26	60	26:43				
Mikko Rantanen	17	5	19	24	50	19:49				
Gabriel Landeskog	17	11	10	21	50	20:36				
Nathan MacKinnon	17	11	9	20	96	20:57				
Nazem Kadri	13	6	8	14	47	17:17				
Devon Toews	17	5	9	14	38	25:29				
Valeri Nichushkin	17	8	5	13	59	19:50				
Artturi Lehkonen	17	7	5	12	38	16:39				
J.T. Compher	17	5	3	8	25	14:01				
Andre Burakovsky	12	3	5	8	13	12:25				
Bowen Byram	17	0	8	8	36	18:20				
Josh Manson	17	3	4	7	37	17:08				
Andrew Cogliano	13	2	3	5	12	9:50				
Erik Johnson	17	1	4	5	28	17:05				
Darren Helm	17	2	2	4	25	11:45				
Logan O'Connor	14	1	3	4	18	11:02				
Alex Newhook	9	0	4	4	5	10:54				
Samuel Girard	7	1	2	3	14	17:59				
Nico Sturm	10	0	1	1	8	8:59				
Nicolas Aube-Kubel	14	0	0	0	16	10:22				
Jack Johnson	10	0	0	2	11:44					
Team	17	78	123	201	677					

GOALTENDER	W	L	SV	SV%	GAA	MIN
Darcy Kuemper	8	3	263	.892	2.76	696
Pavel Francouz	6	0	154	.906	2.81	341
Team	14	3	417	.897	2.78	1037

TAMPA BAY	GP	G	A	PT	S	ATOI
Nikita Kucherov	20	7	19	26	67	20:34
Ondrej Palat	20	10	9	19	41	16:25
Steven Stamkos	20	10	7	17	63	18:29
Victor Hedman	20	2	15	17	62	24:23
Corey Perry	20	6	3	9	38	12:38
Ross Colton	20	5	4	9	34	13:30
Nick Paul	20	5	4	9	40	18:21
Mikhail Sergachev	20	2	6	8	23	21:38
Anthony Cirelli	20	2	5	7	37	19:44
Pat Maroon	20	4	2	6	26	8:40
Brandon Hagel	20	2	4	6	36	13:49
Brayden Point	9	2	3	5	22	18:46
Ryan McDonagh	20	1	4	5	26	22:13
Alex Killorn	20	0	1	4	39	19:04
P.E. Bellemare	20	2	1	3	16	10:30
Zach Bogosian	19	0	3	3	17	12:25
Jean Rutta	14	0	3	3	7	12:20
Callan Foote	13	0	2	2	8	11:29
Erik Cernak	20	1	0	1	16	19:53
Riley Nash	5	0	0	0	5	6:37
Team	20	61	98	159	623	

GOALTENDER	W	L	SV	SV%	GAA	MIN
Andrei Vasilevsky	13	7	596	.920	2.57	1213
Team	13	7	596	.920	2.57	1213

through Game 3 of Cup Finals

PLAYOFF HOME WIN STREAKS	TEAM	W	FROM	TO
Edmonton	18	Apr 22, 1984	Apr 10, 1986	
Montreal	15	Apr 4, 1968	Apr 10, 1971	
Edmonton	14	May 31, 1987	Apr 9, 1989	
Phila.	13	Apr 9, 1974	May 1, 1975	
Toronto	13	Mar 27, 1962	Apr 18, 1963	
Montreal	13	Mar 27, 1956	Apr 8, 1958	
Montreal	12	Apr 25, 1978	May 10, 1979	
Montreal	12	Apr 17, 1958	Mar 21, 1961	
Colorado	11	May 25, 1996	May 15, 1997	
Montreal	11	Apr 11, 1976	Apr 26, 1977	
Detroit	11	Apr 16, 1954	Apr 5, 1956	
Nashville	10	Apr 25, 2016	May 16, 2017	
Detroit	10	Apr 18, 1997	Apr 22, 1998	
Montreal	10	Apr 19, 1986	Apr 9, 1987	
Montreal	10	Mar 29, 1945	Apr 8, 1947	
Los Ang.	9	Jun 11, 2012	Jun 4, 2013	
Pittsburgh	9	Apr 9, 2008	May 28, 2008	
Pittsburgh	9	May 9, 1992	Apr 26, 1993	
NY Islanders	9	Apr 14, 1983	Apr 4, 1984	
Montreal	9	Apr 1, 1965	Apr 9, 1966	
Chicago	9	Apr 4, 1961	Apr 17, 1962	
Toronto	9	Apr 5, 1947	Apr 10, 1948	
Tampa Bay	8	May 8, 2022	--	
NY Rangers	8	May 5, 2022	Jun 3, 2022	
Chicago	8	Jun 22, 2013	May 18, 2014	
Detroit	8	May 10, 2009	Jun 6, 2009	
New Jersey	8	Apr 9, 2003	May 17, 2003	
Dallas	8	Jun 10, 1999	May 7, 2000	
Detroit	8	May 7, 1995	Jun 11, 1995	
Montreal	8	Apr 22, 1993	May 24, 1993	
Minnesota	8	Apr 10, 1991	May 19, 1991	
Boston	8	Apr 7, 1990	May 5, 1990	
NY Islanders	8	Apr 28, 1981	Apr 13, 1982	
NY Islanders	8	May 10, 1980	Apr 17, 1981	
Phila.	8	May 13, 1975	Apr 25, 1976	
Buffalo	8	Apr 13, 1975	May 22, 1975	
Boston	8	Apr 8, 1970	Apr 7, 1971	
Montreal	8	Apr 13, 1954	Mar 20, 1956	
NY Rangers	8	Mar 28, 1939	Mar 23, 1941	
Montreal	8	Mar 13, 1918	Mar 31, 1927	

through Tuesday; hockey-reference.com

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New York City FC	8	3	3	27	26	11
N.Y. Red Bulls	7	4	5	26	26	17
Philadelphia	6	1	8	26	20	11
Orlando City	7	5	4	25	20	22
CF Montreal	7	6	2	23	28	27
New England	6	5	5	23	27	26
Charlotte FC	6	8	2	20	16	19
Cincinnati	6	7	2	20	22	26
Atlanta	6	5	4	19	22	20
Inter Miami CF	5	7	3	18	15	24
Columbus	4	5	5	17	18	17
Toronto FC	4	8	3	15	21	29
D.C. United	4	8	2	14	17	24
Chicago	3	7	5	14	14	20

WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	9	3	3	30	30	17
Real Salt Lake	8	4	4	28	20	19
Austin FC	8	4	3	27	29	18
FC Dallas	7	4	4	25	24	15
LA Galaxy	6	7	2	24	18	16
Nashville	6	5	2	23	19	18
Seattle	6	6	2	20	20	17
Vancouver	6	8	2	20	18	28
Colorado	5	6	4	19	17	18
Houston	5	7	3	18	18	17
Minnesota United	5	7	3	18	16	17
Sporting KC	4	9	4	16	16	29
Portland	3	6	7	16	22	26
San Jose	3	7	6	15	25	34

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Orlando City at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Sporting Kansas City at Seattle, 3p.m.
Nashville at D.C. United, 5p.m.
Charlotte FC at CF Montreal, 7:30p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
Chicago at Houston, 8p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 8p.m.
FC Dallas at Austin FC, 9p.m.
Columbus at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.
LA Galaxy at San Jose, 10p.m.
Colorado at Portland, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
N.Y. Red Bulls at Los Angeles FC, 3p.m.
New York City FC at Philadelphia, 6p.m.
New England at Vancouver, 8p.m.

U.S. OPEN CUP
NEW YORK FC VS. N.Y. RED BULLS, late
Union Omaha vs. Sporting KC, late

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 QUARTERFINAL
Nashville SC vs. Orlando City, 7p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 QUARTERFINAL
Sacramento Republic FC 2, LA Galaxy 1

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	5	2	3	18	16	8
Portland	4	1	4	16	21	7
Chicago	4	1	4	16	14	10
Houston	4	2	3	15	15	10
OL Reign	3	2	4	13	7	6
Angel City FC	4	4	1	13	7	9
Washington	1	3	6	9	10	12
Louisville	2	4	3	9	10	14
Gotham FC	3	4	0	9	5	9
Kansas City	2	4	0	9	8	13
Orlando	2	5	2	8	9	24
North Carolina	2	4	1	7	12	12

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY, JULY 1
Seattle City at Houston, 8:30p.m.
North Carolina at OL Reign, 10p.m.
Portland at Angel City FC, 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 2
Chicago at Gotham FC, 7p.m.

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	11	5	.688	—
Connecticut	12	6	.667	—
Washington	11	8	.579	1 ½
Atlanta	8	8	.500	3
New York	7	10	.412	4 ½
Indiana	5	13	.278	7

WEST
W
L
Pct
GB

Las Vegas 13 3 .813 —
Seattle 10 6 .625 3
Dallas 8 9 .471 5 ½
Los Angeles 6 9 .400 6 ½
Phoenix 6 11 .353 7 ½
Minnesota 4 13 .235 9 ½

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
New York 81, Connecticut 77

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at Dallas, 8p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 10p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAME
New York at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULT
Atlanta 80, Dallas 75
Chicago 104, Las Vegas 95
Minnesota 84, Phoenix 71
Los Angeles 84, Washington 82

ALL-STAR 2022 STARTERS
PLAYER (ALL-STAR APPEARANCE)
Sue Bird Seattle (13th)
Sylvia Fowles Minnesota (8th)
Sabrina Ionescu New York (1st)
Jonquel Jones Connecticut (4th)
Nneka Ogumwike Los Angeles (7th)
Candace Parker Chicago (7th)
Kelsey Plum Las Vegas (1st)
Breanna Stewart Seattle (4th)
A'ja Wilson Las Vegas (4th)
Jackie Young Las Vegas (1st)

AT&T ALL-STAR VOTING RESULTS
Fans accounted for 50 percent of the vote to determine the starters for AT&T WNBA All-Star 2022, while current WNBA players and a media panel accounted for 25 percent each. Wilson finished with a WNBA-high fan votes, followed by Stewart. For more results from fan voting, click here.

GUARDS	FR	MR	PL	SC
*Kelsey Plum (LV)	1	1	1	1.0
*Jackie Young (LV)	2	2	2	2.0
*Sabrina Ionescu (NY)	6	4	5	5.25
*Sue Bird (Sea)	3	9	7	5.50
Jewell Loyd (Sea)	5	10	3	5.75
Skyler Diggins-Smith (Pho)	4	3	14	6.25
Arike Ogunbowale (Da)	11	4	4	7.50
Courtney (Chi)	8	8	8	8.00
Rhyné Howard (Atl)	9	6	9	8.25
Kelsey Mitchell (Ind)	13	6	6	9.50

NBA

2022 DRAFT ORDER
Event: Thursday at Barclays Center (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
FIRST ROUND:
1. Orlando
2. Oklahoma City
3. Houston
4. Sacramento
5. Detroit
6. Indiana
7. Portland
14. Cleveland
8. New Orleans (from L.A. Lakers)
9. San Antonio
10. Washington
11. New York
12. Oklahoma City (from LA Clippers)
13. Charlotte
14. Cleveland
15. Charlotte (from New Orleans)
16. Atlanta
17. Houston (from Brooklyn)
18. Chicago
19. Minnesota
20. San Antonio (from Toronto)
21. Denver
22. Memphis (from Utah)
23. Philadelphia
24. Milwaukee
25. San Antonio (from Boston)
26. Dallas
27. Miami
28. Golden State
29. Memphis
30. Oklahoma City (from Phoenix)

SECOND ROUND:
11. Indiana (from Houston via Cle)
32. Orlando
33. Toronto (from Detroit via San Antonio, Washington and Chicago)
34. Oklahoma City
35. Orlando (from Indiana via Milw.)
36. Portland
37. Sacramento
38. San Antonio (via LAL via Chi & Was)
39. Cleveland (from San Ant. via Utah)
40. Minnesota (from Was via Cle.)
41. New Orleans
42. New York
43. LA Clippers
44. Atlanta
45. Charlotte
46. Detroit (from Brooklyn)
47. Memphis (from Cle via NO & Atl)
48. Minnesota
49. Sacramento (Chi via Mem & Det)
50. Minnesota (from Denver via Phi)
51. Golden State (from Tor via Phi)
52. New Orleans (from Utah)
53. Boston
— Milwaukee (forfeited)
— Miami (from Philadelphia via Denver; forfeited by Miami)
54. Washington (from Dallas)
55. Golden State
56. Cleveland (from Miami via Indiana)
57. Portland (from Memphis via Utah)
58. Indiana (from Phoenix)

USFL

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
STANLEY CUP SEMIFINALS
Tom Benson HOF Stadium, Canton, Ohio
NORTH
New Jersey vs. Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
SOUTH
Birmingham vs. New Orleans, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 3
USFL Championship
Tom Benson HOF Stadium, Canton, Ohio
North champ vs. South champ, 7:30 p.m.

USFL AWARDS
MVP: KaVontae Turpin, WR, New Jersey
Offensive Player of the Year: Darius Victor, Houston
Defensive Player: Chris Odum, Houston
Coach of the Year: Mike Riley, New Jersey

COLLEGE BASEBALL

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES
CHARLES SCHWAB FIELD, OMAHA, NEB.
(Double Elimination; x-if necessary)
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
G11: Oklahoma 5, #5 Texas A&M 1
G12: Mississippi (38-22) vs. Arkansas (44-20), late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
x-G13: Oklahoma (44-22) vs. #5 Texas A&M, (44-20) 2 p.m.
x-G14: Mississippi vs. Arkansas, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
G9: #5 Texas A&M 5, Notre Dame 1
G10: Texas A&M 11, #14 Auburn 1

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (BEST-OF-3)

Hartford Courant

FLAVOR

LIVING

Priya Krishna
The New York Times

HERMITAGE, Pa. — The ice cream cone is never the star of the show.

Its role is clear: Keep the scoop upright, don't leak and don't upstage the main player, the ice cream.

But being that supportive takes work. Which is why David George believes that the cone deserves more respect.

"When you have a car, you know a whole lot of engineering is going into it," he said, standing beside bright-red boxes of cones. "A simple cone sounds like a simple thing, but it is not so simple."

George is the third-generation president of Joy Baking Group, the largest manufacturer of ice cream cones in North America. You may not know Joy by name, but you've probably tasted its cones. Mister Softee? A Joy customer. Dairy Queen? Also Joy. Your local ice cream shop? Probably.

As the realm of ice cream has expanded — with more flavors, toppings and faddish treats introduced each year — the cone world has only grown smaller. Joy has cornered the cone market by betting on a basic premise: When it comes to the cone, people don't want creativity. They want familiarity.

Inside Joy's 530,000-square-foot flagship factory in western Pennsylvania — one of four Joy cone facilities in North America — jumbo spinning ovens that look like a partnership between NASA and Dr. Seuss operate around the clock, producing 15 million to 20 million cones a day during its busiest season, from February through July. They include crisp cake cones; sturdier, cookie-like sugar cones; and wide-mouthed, caramel-scented waffle cones.

These are cones designed to taste like childhood summers. They're as comforting as a slice of pie, as delightful as cotton candy.

Joy now makes 41.3% of the cones sold in American stores, according to an April 2022 report from IRI, a data analytics company — and likely more, since it also manufactures private-label cones. Malcolm Stogo, a consultant for ice cream shops, estimated that 60-70% of the cones sold in food service are Joy's. Its closest competitor, Keebler, controls 14.5% of store sales.

At Joy's Pennsylvania factory, cone-making is a highly technical, obsessed-over process.

Huge, keg-like vats hold



Ice cream cones at Ice Cream Jubilee, a Joy Baking Group ice cream cone client in the Washington, D.C., area. "Joy cones are refreshing in their normalness and not-flashiness," said Victoria Lai, the founder of Ice Cream Jubilee. **JENNIFER CHASE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

the pale batter for the cones — mainly flour, water and sugar, along with tapioca flour for the cake cones.

Joy uses brown sugar in its waffle and sugar cones, as George said this makes them sturdier and sweeter.

A maze of pipes carry the batter into another room, where it is squirted onto

cast-iron molds that rotate inside ovens at 350-400 degrees for anywhere from 90 to 110 seconds, depending on the cone size and type. For sugar and waffle cones, another machine plucks the cones off the molds and slides them into spinners to be rolled. A floor worker inspects each cone

for imperfections: cracks, bumps, uneven coloring.

Where Joy has innovated is in its technology: a robotic arm that gently moves cones from the oven to a conveyor belt to be packaged, or a machine that snugly wraps and seals the cones. Engineers have tweaked the cone design,



Ice cream cones are shaped at Joy Baking Group's factory in Hermitage, Pennsylvania — one of four Joy cone facilities in North America. **NANCY ANDREWS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**



Lai puts out Joy cones at an Ice Cream Jubilee location on May 19. **JENNIFER CHASE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

too, moving up the grid pattern at the bottom of the cake cone to strengthen it. Most of the cones are extremely delicate, and piles of broken ones lie beside some machines.

Joy wasn't always a juggernaut. Two Lebanese immigrants — Albert George, George's grandfather, and a brother-in-law, Thomas J. Thomas — founded the company in 1918 in Brookfield, Ohio. It nearly went bankrupt in 1964 after a fire broke out in the factory. George's father, Joe George, took over that year, and focused on building proprietary ovens and selling cones in stores. Within five years, the company was profitable.

Over time, smaller cone makers have struggled to keep up with the rising costs of operating. In the past few decades, many have closed or been acquired by Joy.

George said Joy's prices have risen by only a few cents per cone over the past 10 years, roughly tracking inflation. Cones are an inexpensive luxury, he said. "We want to make sure that is always the case."

Ice cream shops are banking on that. Several owners said they favored Joy primarily for their reliability and cost.

"Joy cones are refreshing in their normalness and not-flashiness," said Victoria Lai, the founder of Ice Cream Jubilee, a string of shops in the Washing-

ton, D.C., area that serve the company's sugar cones. As supply-chain challenges make it harder to find ingredients, she said, Joy cones are consistently available.

But Kristine Tonkonow, the founder of the Konery, a cone maker in Brooklyn, thinks ice cream lovers deserve more options. "Imagine if Coca-Cola was the only company that made soda," she said. "It really is the way that the waffle cone industry is."

When she started the business in 2014, she looked at a Joy cone. "I thought it could be better. It could be more delicious, it could be prettier," she said.

The cone should be as exciting as the ice cream, she believes. Hers come in bright colors and flavors like orange Creamsicle and salted blue corn. They cost three to four times more than Joy's, Tonkonow said. But she has a wide array of customers, including Whole Foods Market, theme parks and independent shops like Malai Ice Cream in Cobble Hill, Brooklyn.

Susan Soorenko, the owner of Moorenko's, an ice cream shop in the Washington area, said the Konery's products were expensive and would complicate the ordering process. "There is no way I am offering that array of choices," she said. "It is a recipe for chaos."

She uses Joy cones, but doesn't feel loyal to them. She finds the flavor of the sugar cones too intense. "If a local company came to me, or even a not local company, and said, 'We can go toe to toe with Joy,'" she said, "I would absolutely give it a try."

But she doubts that will happen.

"The thing about ice cream is that for virtually everyone, it is so tied to nostalgia," she said. "It is what you remember about your grandma taking you out." For many Americans, those moments are linked to Joy cones.

Even if another worthy competitor arises, "it doesn't matter," she said. "Because it is competing with a memory."

Stop spiralizing zucchini; a peeler works better

By Christopher Kimball
For Associated Press

Spiralizing zucchini into "noodles" often translates into a wan and watery dish, a poor imitation of the pasta it attempts to emulate.

Generally, it's better to let an ingredient shine on its own merits. And for raw zucchini, we didn't need to look far to find a better answer.

The Italians have done it for ages, reducing whole zucchini to paper-thin

ribbons, then dressing them simply — some lemon juice, a bit of oil, maybe some honey, Parmesan, fresh herbs and nuts.

The effect is a fresh and vibrant salad made in minutes.

In this recipe from our

book "Milk Street Tuesday Nights," which limits recipes to 45 minutes or less, we use a vegetable peeler to slice zucchini into thin ribbons.

The zucchini really shines, balanced with the clean, sharp flavors of a

lemony dressing along with Parmesan and hazelnuts.

The hazelnuts — or almonds, if that's what you have on hand — give the salad crunch and a slightly buttery note.

Don't worry if the

ribbons vary in width; this adds to the visual appeal of the dish.

And don't dress the salad until you are ready to serve. The zucchini and herbs are delicate and quickly wilt.

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It's rosé season; drink these bottles year-round

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

I don't need to tell you that rosé season has begun. The bottles are crowding the seasonal displays in wine shops, the days are still growing longer and the get-it-done determination of the cooler months is giving way to a summer laxity.

Rosé has become synonymous with summer drinking. Though I have long recommended rosé as a year-round option, I'm not immune to the magnetic attraction that occurs after Memorial Day.

Outdoor dining and warm weather connote the Mediterranean, which, if rosé did not actually originate there, is nonetheless its home in popular culture.

The contrarian articles will no doubt soon arrive telling us the rosé boom is passé. Don't believe it.

Feeling the rosé spirit, I went shopping in an array of New York retail stores and picked these exceptional bottles of rosé. They ranged in price from \$13 to \$32.

These rosés are all delightful. Most are versatile enough to drink with friends on a stoop, roof or wherever you gather, or to accompany a meal. I've listed them from least to most expensive.

- Viña Zorzal Navarra Garnacha Rosado 2021, 13.5%, \$13:** Viña Zorzal perennially produces great values in wine. The three Sanz brothers, who own Zorzal, farm organically in the Navarra region in northern Spain. This pale ruby rosado is made entirely out of old-vine garnacha. It's dry, lively and savory; full of raspberry fruit, with underlying stony mineral flavors; and excellent with cheese and crudité.
- Château de Manissy Tavel Cuvée des Lys 2020, 14%, \$20:** The dark, powerful rosés of Tavel in the



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- Southern Rhône Valley are not everybody's mouthful. They are more appropriate with a meal than as an aperitif by the water. But this bottle is an excellent example of a style of dark, potent rosé that was once popular but is a bit lost in today's pale rosé world. This wine, sort of a pale maraschino color, is 60% grenache, 30% clairette and 10% syrah. It's dry, with just a suggestion of fruit and floral flavors and plenty of minerality.
- Fabien Jouvès Vin de France Rosé À Table!!! 2021, 12%, \$23:** Fabien Jouvès makes some of my favorite Cahors wines under the Mas del Périé label. Under his own name he produces a range of natural wines like À Table!!!, essentially an invitation to come eat, which you will want to do with this dark rosé. It's made of malbec, the grape of Cahors, along with two other grapes common in southwestern France, tannat and merlot,

- all farmed biodynamically. It's fresh and deliciously complex, with earthy aromas and flavors of red fruits and flowers.
- AT Roca Clàssic Penedès Rosat Reserva 2018, 12%, \$23:** AT Roca makes excellent sparkling wines in Catalonia, the wines that used to collectively be called cava until many of the best producers stopped using the term, wary of its connotation of mass production. Roca has opted instead for Clàssic Penedès, an identification for sparkling wines with strict regulations, including a requirement for organic viticulture. This rosat (Catalan for rosado, which is Spanish for rosé) is made like a Champagne, with a second fermentation in the bottle. It's bone dry, floral and highly refreshing.
- Thibaud Boudignon Rosé de Loire 2021, 12.5%, \$24:** Over the last decade, Thibaud Boudignon has

- become almost a cult Savennières producer whose superb wines have risen in price because of the ceaseless demand. This pale rosé, on the other hand, is reasonably priced. It's made from organically farmed cabernet franc with a small amount of groll-eau, a red grape rarely seen outside the Loire. It's got floral and mineral flavors, with a touch of bell pepper just for interest's sake.
- Idlewild North Coast Flora & Fauna Rosé 2021, 11.8%, \$25:** This small producer in Sonoma makes wines inspired by the Piedmont region of northwestern Italy. Flora & Fauna is a blend of nebbiolo, dolcetto, barbera and a tiny bit of grignolino, all grapes one would expect to find in northern Italy, not so much in Northern California. This pretty, dark cinnamon-colored wine is fresh and bright, lighthearted but textured enough to pair well with food, whether

- brook trout, for one, or pasta with mushrooms.
- Day Wines Rogue Valley Babycheeks Rosé 2021, 12%, \$29:** Brianne Day makes excellent pinot noirs and chardonnays from the Willamette Valley as well as a range of surprising wines from other parts of Oregon, like this bright, apple-fresh rosé from the Rogue Valley in Southern Oregon. It's a blend of southwestern French grapes, including malbec, tannat and cabernet franc, and is fresh, lively and delicious.
- Château Pradeaux Bandol Rosé 2021, 13.5%, \$29:** Provence produces oceans of pale, insipid rosé with little distinctiveness. This is not one of them. Bandol Rosé and Château Pradeaux have rarely been short on character. Pradeaux, one of the oldest of the old-school Bandol producers, makes this brick-orange rosé out of mourvèdre, with about 25%

- cinsault added. It tastes of licorice and herbs and should improve with a year or two of aging.
- Montenidoli Toscana Rosato Canaiuolo 2021, 12.5%, \$30:** For 50 years, Elisabetta Fagioli has been making wine on a hillside near the town of San Gimignano in Tuscany, farming organically all the while on limestone soils. This pale coral rosato is made of the canaiolo grape, more common as a blending ingredient with sangiovese in Chianti. The wine is textured and versatile with food, with aromas and flavors of red berries along with fine mineral flavors.
- A Tribute to Grace Santa Barbara Highlands Vineyard Rosé of Grenache 2021, 12.3%, \$30:** Angela Osborne makes terrific, expressive grenaches from vineyards all over California from her home base in Santa Barbara. This rich, gutsy, salmon-colored rosé, made entirely out of grenache, is textured and full of fresh fruit, licorice and herbal flavors. Yet it is also focused and refined. If that sounds like it plays both ways, well, yes, it does. This will stand up to a burger.
- Railsback Frères Santa Ynez Valley Les Rascasses Rosé 2021, 11.9%, \$32:** Lyle and Eric Railsback worked in many sides of the wine business before starting this label together in 2015. Les Rascasses — scorpionfish in French — is their tribute to Lulu Peyraud, the legendary matriarch of Domaine Tempier, which they say produced their favorite Bandol rosé. This rosé is made in the Provençal style, a blend of mourvèdre, cinsault and carignan. It's light and pleasing, with flavors of licorice, herbs and flowers. The wine makes it easy to conjure up a Provençal setting, preferably with a tribute to Lulu's bouillabaisse as well.



The zucchini — balanced with the clean, sharp flavors of a lemony dressing along with Parmesan and hazelnuts — really shines in this salad. Don't worry if the ribbons vary in width; this adds to the visual appeal of the dish. **MILK STREET**

Zucchini

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SHAVED ZUCCHINI AND HERB SALAD WITH PARMESAN

- Total time:** 20 minutes
Makes: 4 servings
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest, plus 3 tablespoons juice (1 lemon)
 - 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - ¼ teaspoon honey
 - Kosher salt and ground black pepper
 - 1 pound zucchini (2 medium)
 - 1 ounce Parmesan cheese, finely grated (about ½ cup), plus shaved to serve
 - ½ cup lightly packed mint, torn
 - ½ cup lightly packed fresh basil, torn
 - ¼ cup hazelnuts, toasted, skinned and roughly chopped
- 1. In a large bowl,** whisk together the lemon zest and juice, oil, honey and ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper. Set aside. Use a Y-style peeler or mandoline to shave the zucchini from top to bottom into ribbons, rotating as you go. Stop shaving when you reach the seedy core. Discard the cores.
- 2. To the dressing,** add the shaved zucchini, grated cheese, mint and basil, then toss until evenly coated. Transfer to a serving plate and sprinkle with shaved Parmesan and hazelnuts.

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Savory French toast meets egg-in-a-hole

By **Melissa Clark**
The New York Times

Hybrid dishes run the gamut from the sublime to the ridiculous. For every Cronut and brookie bringing delight, there’s a ramen burger or pizza taco just waiting to make you shake your head.

The best hybrid dishes operate on several levels. They have cooking techniques that can be seamlessly merged, flavors that build on one another and overlapping dispositions that make so much sense together that the new dish becomes a classic, not a flash-in-the-pan (I’m looking at you, mugel).

Asparagus egg-in-a-hole checks all the right boxes. At its heart, it’s a cross of two eggy bread recipes — Parmesan French toast and egg-in-a-hole — that is served with a pile of roasted asparagus to catch all the saucy yolk.

Parmesan French toast, a brilliant recipe from Nigella Lawson, is a piquant, cheesy take on the usual maple-soaked staple. For this version, I streamlined the ingredients, eliminating the paprika, mustard and Worcestershire. With the additions of runny eggs, roasted asparagus, thyme and scallions, the bread doesn’t need extra oomph.

Then I cut holes into those Parmesan-imbued slices and cracked eggs right into them to cook. Another name for egg-in-a-hole is bird-in-a-nest, and when you see those yolks nestled cozily into the bread, you understand why.

Both French toast and egg-in-a-hole are usually fried in a pan of butter. But in order to cook the asparagus at the same time, I moved everything to a sheet pan.

This is a very straightforward recipe, yet there are a few things to keep in mind. One is to choose a crusty bread, such as a sourdough or a country loaf — some-



Roasted asparagus and toasts dipped in a Parmesan-infused custard turn a childhood favorite into so much more. **CHRISTOPHER TESTANI/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

thing sturdy that won’t fall apart after bathing in the custard. Then cut the widest slices right from the middle to use. The goal is to fit two eggs into each slice, making the dish a bit more substantial than usual. If your bread slices are smaller, just use one egg in each.

You can substitute other quick-roasting vegetables for the asparagus. Broccoli florets, halved cherry tomatoes or Brussels sprouts, or sliced mushrooms all work equally well. And if you want to double the recipe, use two sheet pans, arranging the bread on one and the asparagus on the other.

Then serve this for a light dinner, or for breakfast or brunch. Just hold the syrup.

EGG-IN-A-HOLE WITH ASPARAGUS

Makes: 2 servings
Total time: 30 minutes
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled
5 large eggs
½ cup whole milk
¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 wide slices sturdy country white bread, such as sourdough or peasant bread (preferably from the middle of the loaf)
8 ounces asparagus, trimmed
3 scallions, thinly sliced
3 fresh thyme sprigs
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1. Heat oven to 425 degrees. Grease a rimmed sheet pan with 1 tablespoon melted butter.
2. In a large, shallow dish, whisk together 1 egg, milk, ¼ cup Parmesan, a

large pinch of salt and pepper, and the remaining tablespoon melted butter. Add bread and let soak for about 2 minutes per side. The bread should be soft and soaked through, but not falling apart.
3. Arrange soaked bread on one side of the prepared sheet pan. Pour any remaining soaking mixture from bowl onto the bread slices. Using a cookie cutter or a knife, carefully cut 2 (2 ½-inch) holes in each slice of soaked bread, making 4 holes in total. Place the cut-out rounds alongside the bread slices on the pan.
4. On the other side of the sheet pan, add the asparagus, half of the scallions (save the rest for garnish), thyme and a large pinch of salt and pepper. Drizzle asparagus with olive oil, tossing well, and spread into an even single layer.
5. Bake until bread is golden on top, 10 minutes. If the asparagus is tender and browned after 10 minutes, use tongs to transfer the stalks to a plate

and tent with foil to keep warm. Thick asparagus may need more time, in which case leave it in the pan for the next step.
6. Using a spatula, flip the bread slices and cut-outs. Crack the remaining 4 eggs into the holes (the eggs may overflow a bit, and that is OK). Season eggs lightly with salt and pepper. Sprinkle remaining 2 tablespoons Parmesan on top of eggs and bread.
7. Return pan to the oven and bake until eggs are barely set, about 5 to 7 minutes. The yolks and even some of the whites should jiggle slightly. (Note that the eggs will continue to cook on the sheet pan once out of the oven, so if you like runny yolks, err on the side of early removal.) However, if the egg whites are still translucent, bake for another minute or two.
8. To serve, place egg toasts on plates, top each toast with half the asparagus (discarding the thyme sprigs) and garnish with reserved scallions.



Our 9-year-old recipe tester, Jack, said he loved the buttered breadcrumb crunch on top of the cod. **ELLE SIMONE/AMERICA’S TEST KITCHEN**

Grab fresh cod for a tasty dinner your kids will love

America’s Test Kitchen

The secret to success with this dish is a low-temperature oven (set to just 300 degrees) that ensures the fish cooks slowly without drying out.

Crispy, buttery, garlicky panko bread crumbs get a head start in a skillet, so they’re golden brown when the fish comes out of the oven.

Finally, a mayonnaise and egg yolk “glue” adds rich flavor and helps the crumb topping stay put. Even kids who don’t usually like fish will love this dish.

CRISPY BAKED COD

Makes: 4 servings
Vegetable oil spray
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
¾ cup panko bread crumbs
2 garlic cloves, peeled and minced
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 large egg yolk
½ teaspoon grated lemon zest, plus lemon wedges
4 (6-ounce) skinless cod fillets, 1 to 1 ½ inches thick
1. Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 300 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil and set a cooling rack inside the baking sheet. Spray rack with vegetable oil spray.
2. In a 12-inch skillet, melt butter over

medium heat. Add panko, garlic, salt and pepper and cook, stirring often with rubber spatula, until lightly browned, 3 to 5 minutes.
3. Transfer panko mixture to a medium bowl. Stir in parsley and let cool for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, egg yolk and lemon zest.
4. Use paper towels to pat fish dry. Spread mayonnaise mixture evenly over top of each fillet.
5. Working with 1 fillet at a time, coat the top of each fillet with panko mixture. Place fillets, crumb-side up, on greased rack in the baking sheet.
6. Place the baking sheet in the oven and bake until fish registers 145 degrees on instant-read thermometer, 30 to 40 minutes.
7. Remove the baking sheet from the oven. Place the baking sheet on a second cooling rack. Serve fish with lemon wedges.



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Tarte à la rhubarbe.

TARTE À LA RHUBARBE

Note: This dough must be prepared in advance. “The tart design was inspired by a flawless version created by a fellow baker/Instagram friend, Thida Bevington,” writes Frank Adrian Barron in “Sweet Paris.” “Feel free to arrange them in any design you like — the end result will be just as delicious.”

Makes: 6 to 8 servings
For the dough:
⅔ cup flour, plus extra for rolling dough
⅔ cup powdered sugar
¼ cup almond flour
½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature and cut into small pieces
2 egg yolks, lightly beaten
Pinch of fine sea salt
For the frangipane:
¾ cup granulated sugar
½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
2 eggs, at room temperature
1 cup almond flour
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 tablespoon flour
For the assembly:
3 to 4 large rhubarb stalks (about 18 ounces), cut into diagonal pieces
2 tablespoons honey, warmed
Vanilla ice cream, for serving
1. To prepare dough: In the bowl of an electric mixer on low speed, combine 1 ⅔ cups flour, powdered sugar, ¼ cup almond flour, ½ cup butter, egg yolks and salt, and mix until a dough forms, about 2 to 3 minutes. Do not overmix. When the dough comes together, shape into a disc, wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm, at least 1 hour.

2. Remove the dough from the refrigerator 30 minutes before you plan to roll it out. When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

3. Transfer dough to a lightly floured work surface. Using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll out dough to large circle, about 12 inches in diameter. Carefully roll dough around rolling pin, brushing off any excess flour. Unroll dough over a 9-inch tart pan with a removable bottom, gently tuck dough into the pan, and trim any excess dough. Using a fork, poke tiny holes across bottom of tart shell. Line tart shell with parchment paper and fill with pie weights to keep the dough from puffing up during baking. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove tart shell from oven, and carefully remove pie weights and parchment paper. Return tart shell to oven and bake until the center turns golden, about 10 to 12 minutes. Remove the tart shell from the oven and transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

4. To prepare frangipane: Meanwhile, in the bowl of an electric mixer on medium speed, combine the granulated sugar and ½ cup butter and beat until pale, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add the eggs and mix until combined, then add 1 cup almond flour and almond extract, and mix until smooth. Add 1 tablespoon flour and mix until fully incorporated. Refrigerate until ready to use.

5. To assemble tart: Spread frangipane filling evenly over cooled tart shell. Press rhubarb pieces into frangipane in desired pattern. Bake until edges of tart shell are golden brown, about 30 to 35 minutes (if the edges start to get too brown, cover them with aluminum foil). Remove the tart from the oven and transfer to a wire rack to cool. Carefully brush the top of the tart with warm honey for a glossy finish, and serve with vanilla ice cream.

By Rick Nelson
Star Tribune

Author Frank Adrian Barron was missing home when he moved abroad, so he took to seasonal baking.

Barron and his now-husband, James, moved to Paris 10 years ago.

It was January, and when Barron, a transplanted Californian, hit the produce section at a nearby supermarket in search of smoothie ingredients, he was confronted by a distressing reality: no strawberries.

“The French, I’d quickly find out, preferred to eat by the season, buying fruits and vegetables right when they’re harvested, when their flavor is at their natural peak,” he writes in “Sweet Paris: Seasonal Recipes From an American Baker in France.” “Though I was aware of this practice in theory, it wasn’t how we ate where I was from, a land where everything is available at any time.”

That experience marked the start of Barron’s foray into the French way of eating.

That wasn’t the only change he was making. Within a year, the art historian was immersing himself in a new-to-him avocation: cake baking.

“I was missing home and wanted to go back,” he said in a recent interview. “I didn’t speak French, I didn’t have a work visa, I felt lost. I turned to baking at home for the nostalgia, and because I missed American-style cakes — Bundt cakes, coffee cakes, banana bread, chocolate cake with buttercream — which are impossible to find in France.”

After a lot of trial and

error — and watching countless YouTube instructional videos — Barron found himself fulfilling cake requests among his expat friends. That grew into baking cakes for coffee shops and pop-ups, then hosting cake decorating classes in the couple’s apartment in the city’s Marais district. A blog (cakeboyparis.com) and a popular Instagram account (@cakeboyparis) led to the just-released “Sweet Paris.”

“I kind of let the cake journey take me where it was going to take me,” he said. “I did not count on it becoming a second career.” “Sweet Paris” is beautiful to look at (thanks to captivating photographs by Joann Pai) and a treat to read, with approachable and appealing recipes that are seasonally influenced and reflect Barron’s American background and his adapted French sensibilities: lavender honey madeleines and white peach tarts in the summer; persimmon Bundt cakes and apple-cardamom tea cakes in the fall; and chestnut cakes and orange-glazed gingerbread in the winter. Right now? Rhubarb, of course.

In a recent phone conversation, Barron discussed his household’s sweet-tart continuum, the beauty of Bundt pans and the glories of Italian meringue buttercream.

Q: What draws you to rhubarb? I was surprised to learn that it’s a relatively new-to-you ingredient because your recipes for rhubarb land squarely in the “gotta-make” category.
A: I don’t recall having a lot of rhubarb when I lived in San Diego and San Francisco. For the French, it probably wouldn’t make



“I was missing home and wanted to go back. I didn’t speak French, I didn’t have a work visa, I felt lost,” Frank Adrian Barron says of moving to Paris. “I turned to baking at home for the nostalgia, and because I missed American-style cakes.

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the Top 5; it’s the U.K. that really celebrates rhubarb. But it was important for me to include rhubarb in the book because it’s my husband’s favorite. My interests are more on the sweet side, but his flavor profile is Team Tart all the way, so he leans to things like lemon and rhubarb.

Q: Your Tarte à la Rhubarbe is beautiful and delicious. Why the tart format?
A: For the French, a tart is their go-to for when it comes to highlighting a particular flavor, because it’s a beautiful base for showing off the ripeness of the featured ingredient, like rhubarb.

Q: After a decade of living

in Paris, is there a seasonal ingredient that you anticipate eating — and baking with — every year?

A: My favorite season for baking is the fall, and one of the reasons is because that’s when the Mirabelle plum comes into season. It’s a tiny golden plum, bursting with flavor, from the Lorraine region, and I’d never heard of it or tasted it until we moved to Paris. It’s only in the markets for about two weeks. During that time, everyone goes crazy and buys them by the bucketload, and you see them in tarts in boulangeries all over Paris.

Q: I love it that you’re so into Minnesota-made Nordic Ware Bundt pans.

CINNAMON SWIRL BUNDT CAKE

Frank Adrian Barron based this recipe on his mother’s signature cake. “Her version incorporates sour cream, which I substitute here with crème fraîche, because it has a richer flavor due to its higher fat content,” he writes in “Sweet Paris.” “Everything else, however, is kept the same.”

Makes: 12 servings
For the cake:
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature, plus extra for pan
3 cups flour, plus extra for pan
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon fine sea salt
2 cups granulated sugar
5 large eggs
8 ounces crème fraîche
1 tablespoon vanilla extract

¼ cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
2 tablespoons whole milk
For the glaze:
1 cup powdered sugar, plus additional as needed
¼ cup maple syrup, plus additional as needed
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
1. To prepare cake: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 10- to 12-cup Bundt pan and set aside.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt, and set aside.
3. In the bowl of an electric mixer on medium speed, beat the butter and granulated sugar until pale and fluffy, about 4 minutes. Reduce speed to low and add eggs, one at a time, scraping down the sides of the bowl with a rubber

spatula between additions. Add the crème fraîche and 1 tablespoon vanilla extract and mix until just combined. Add the flour mixture in three additions, mixing until just combined.
4. Transfer about 2 cups of the batter to a medium bowl. Add the dark brown sugar, cinnamon and milk, and stir until smooth.
5. Pour about a third of the plain cake batter into the bottom of the prepared Bundt pan, then pour about half of the cinnamon batter on top. Repeat to add a second layer of plain batter, followed by a second layer of the remaining cinnamon batter. Finish with a third layer of the remaining plain batter on top. To make the marble swirl, use the point of a butter knife to draw a zigzag pattern through the batter. Bake until a cake

tester inserted into the center comes out clean and the cake is golden brown, about 55 to 60 minutes. Transfer the cake to a wire rack to cool for 15 minutes before carefully inverting the cake on a wire rack, removing the pan and allowing the cake to cool completely.
6. To prepare glaze: In a small bowl, whisk together the powdered sugar, maple syrup and ½ teaspoon vanilla extract until well-combined and smooth. Add more powdered sugar or maple syrup as needed to create a thick but pourable glaze. Place a sheet of parchment paper underneath the wire rack holding the cooled cake. Slowly pour the glaze over the top of the cake, allowing it to drip down the sides. Allow the glaze to set at room temperature for about 15 minutes before serving.



Cinnamon swirl Bundt cake. RICK NELSON/HARPER DESIGN